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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Our Refugees

NO one who has read the address delivered by the Governor to the Legislative Council last Wednesday can fail to obtain a deeper understanding of the greatest of all the Colony's problems—the resettlement and rehabilitation of our half million refugees. If a fuller picture is required it is provided by the opening chapter of the 1956 Hongkong Annual Report where all facets of the complex problem are presented with arresting clarity.

Financially the rehousing of squatters has been, and will continue to be, a stupendous imposition, involving the diversion of funds which normally would be available for the expansion of public and social services benefiting the community as a whole. It is a sobering fact that to date something like \$330 millions have been spent on resettlement, three-quarters of the Colony's current general revenue balance.

HONGKONG is now fully aware that it has been saddled with a problem from which it should have been relieved by an international organisation. No aid worth talking about has been received; no aid appears to be forthcoming. Apart from the humanitarian aspect, the Colony, in the interests of health, law and order, must now press on with the vast undertaking of rehousing the squatters, and of seeing their families are provided with social welfare and education.

The government and people of Hongkong are not given to self-pity or to despair. Yet any community with the limited resources of this Colony would be entitled to feel resentment over the indifference to our refugee problem which has been displayed by the United Nations.

So far all endeavours to interest the world organisation in the subject have been frustrated by legal and technical considerations. The humanitarian appeal has been ignored. And it is on this ground that Hongkong believes the United Nations should actively associate itself in resolving our refugee problem.

It is difficult to understand why the displaced persons of Hongkong should be regarded differently from the DPs of Europe who, under officially approved immigration schemes, have found new homes and rehabilitated themselves in a number of countries. But if re-establishment of Hongkong's refugees overseas is not possible, surely the United Nations has the moral obligation of financially assisting in their resettlement and rehabilitation within the Colony? The first chapter of the latest Annual Report, which comprehensively describes the problem and convincingly shows it is an unfair burden to be imposed on a single community, is to be printed in pamphlet form. We suggest that when this is done a copy be sent to every permanent delegate attached to the United Nations. It may help to arouse the conscience of that august body, the General Assembly.

THE MICHAEL PARKER STORY

BEGINNING TOMORROW EXCLUSIVELY IN THE CHINA MAIL — THE MICHAEL PARKER STORY.

Don't miss this series by Robert Glenon which gives the background to the man who was the private secretary and close friend of the Duke of Edinburgh. It tells of his simple Scottish wife who would not let the Queen be kind to her, who would not mix in her husband's new and exciting life.

REPLACING THE USUAL HOMESIDE PICTORIAL WILL BE A FULL PAGE OF PICTURES DEVOTED TO THE ROYAL VISIT TO PORTUGAL.

A new book by a famous British General may shake Churchill's reputation: this is another highlight of tomorrow's Mail. There are the usual two pages of local pictures, film reviews, book reviews, cartoons, comic strips, Gills, — and the race tips for tomorrow's meetings at the Valley — just a few other good reasons why you should not miss tomorrow's China Mail.

JAPAN SHIPPING SHIRTS TO U.S. THROUGH COLONY?

Washington, Feb. 28. Commerce Department officials said today they were investigating reports of "unusually large" shipments of shirts — on Hongkong to the American market this year in an effort to determine whether Japanese traders are using the Crown Colony as a diversionary port to evade Tokyo's self-imposed quotas.

The Department on February 19 asked the US Consulate in Hongkong to look into the situation but has received no report as yet, officials said. The Commerce Department action was prompted by a telegram from Seymour Phillips of the National Association of Shirt, Pyjama and Sportswear Manufacturers, who asked for a

meeting of the U.S. Apparel Industry Committee to consider the inflow of Hongkong shirts. The committee occasionally meets with government economic officials to consider problems of the domestic market. The Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Marshall Smith, replied

that it appeared preferable to get full information on the situation from the Hongkong Consulate before holding any meeting here of the Apparel Industry Committee.

Both State and Commerce Department officials emphasized that they were unable at this point to pass any judgment on whether Japanese traders might be using Hongkong to get around the quotas on shipments from Japan. Some officials said it was quite possible that the Hongkong shirt industry, knowing that Japan would be holding down on her shirt shipments to the U.S., had decided to increase their efforts in the American market.

When the Japanese government on January 18 outlined its five-year plan of self-imposed limitations on shipments of cotton textiles and wearing apparel to the U.S. it said: "All feasible steps shall be taken by the Japanese Government to prevent transshipments to the United States through third countries." — United Press.

U.N. TO HEAR ISRAELI PLAN

TO BE ANNOUNCED IN ASSEMBLY TODAY

FAWZI'S BITTER ATTACK

New York, Feb. 28.

Israel will announce tomorrow her "plan for withdrawal" from Egypt, the United Nations was told today.

In a 57-word statement in the General Assembly, Mr. Mordecai Kidron, Israeli deputy permanent representative, formally reserved time for the announcement to be made tomorrow afternoon.

Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi, Egyptian Foreign Minister, who followed him to the rostrum, promptly asserted that his Government would not be bound by any bargain made by "people who have no warrant whatsoever, no right at any time to give."

Dr. Fawzi's statement was taken to be a reference to the talks between Israeli, United States and French diplomats in Washington.

DRIPPING WITH BLOOD

The Egyptian Minister bitterly criticised M. Guy Mollet, French Prime Minister — who visited the United Nations today — saying he was a man whose hands were "dripping with Egyptian and Algerian blood."

He also labelled Israel as "the spearhead of international political Zionism" and declared that Egypt believed none of her "promises to reform and to behave."

"Do we in this assembly," Dr. Fawzi asked, "accept or reject the assumption that force of arms is our law and world political Zionism our lord and master."

"Since the moment we accepted and signed the United Nations charter, we have answered the first part of this question and have forsaken the use of force for the settlement of disputes."

"For the second part, God Almighty and not political Zionism is our lord and master," he declared.

Reuter stated that reports reaching Cairo from El Ballah said United Nations Emergency Forces close to the Gaza strip were "posed" to follow up at once an eventual Israeli withdrawal.

Israeli forces in the area, meanwhile, were reported to be demolishing military installations. — Reuter.

NO COMPROMISE

Cabinet sources said tonight Israel would accept no compromise withdrawal plan which would return the Gaza strip to Egyptian control.

The curtain of secrecy around today's government's deliberations lifted slightly tonight when government sources said there would be no deal between Ambassador Abba Eban and the American Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, which allowed Egyptian forces back into Gaza.

An Israel radio news broadcast tonight flatly denied "optimistic" communiques from Washington which, it said, were based on the presumption that a Gaza solution was possible "without solving the problem of danger from the strip."

Meanwhile the Leftist Abdu Haavoda and Mapai parties called their leaders tonight for urgent consultations this weekend on what they termed Premier David Ben Gurion's "surrender" plans. — United Press.

Labour's Majority Increased

Wednesbury, Mar. 1.

The Labour opposition held its seat with an increased majority in a parliamentary by-election result declared early today.

Mr. John Stothhouse, the Labour candidate, secured 22,235 votes.

Mr. Peter Tapsell (Conservative) polled 9,999 and Mr. Michael Wade (Independent) 3,529.

The Labour majority was 12,236 votes in a three-cornered fight, compared with 8,944 at the 1955 general election in a straight fight with a Conservative candidate.

At the general election, the figures were Labour 26,004 Conservative 17,120.

The by-election was caused by the resignation of the Labour member, Mr. Stanley Evans. — Reuter.

ISRAELIS SAY

RED PLOT TO OVERTHROW KING HUSSEIN

Tel-Aviv, Feb. 28. The Israeli radio in Jerusalem, quoting Lebanese press reports, said the Jordanian Government had uncovered a Communist plot to overthrow King Hussein.

The Arabic-language broadcast said the Syrian Communist Party leader, Khaled Bakdash, was one of the masterminds in the conspiracy.

The radio cited Lebanese press reports as saying the arrest of eight Jordanian Communists in Amman this week was connected with the plot.

It said Lebanese reports said the Jordanian Army commander, Ali Abu Nawar, and the Foreign Minister, Abdulla Rimawi, were implicated.

The broadcast said significance was attached to the fact that King Hussein did not take Rimawi to Cairo with him for the four-power Arab meeting. — United Press.

Election Move Defeated

Tokyo, Feb. 28. The Japanese Prime Minister Mr. Nobusuke Kishi's new Conservative government today defeated by 251 votes to 145 an opposition Socialist motion calling for an immediate dissolution of Parliament and a general election. — Reuter.

33 Feared Dead

Manila, Feb. 28. Thirty-three members of a Filipino stage troupe were feared dead today when their motorboat burst into flames and sank yesterday in the shark-infested waters of the Sulu archipelago, southern Philippines. Police reports said only ten survived. — France-Press.

Visiting China

Prague, Feb. 28. A Czech government delegation, headed by Premier Klement Erben, was to leave for China in March, a Czech Foreign Ministry spokesman said today. It will also visit North Vietnam, North Korea and Mongolia. — France-Press.

Minister Charged With Budget 'Leak'

London, Feb. 28.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Macmillan, today denied that one of his ministers, Sir David Eccles, "leaked" information about the forthcoming budget last night when he gave what was taken as a hint of a reduction in the cinema tax.

Sir David Eccles, President of the Board of Trade, later denied he had said he knew the tax would be reduced.

The incident caused a political stir because it is almost unprecedented for ministers even to hint at taxation changes shortly before a budget.

Today Labour members launched a barrage of questions at the Prime Minister, complaining that Sir David Eccles' statement had caused speculation in cinema shares. When Mr. Hugh Gaitkell, the Opposition leader, urged

him to take "appropriate action," Mr. Macmillan replied: "If Sir David Eccles were to offer me his resignation, I should certainly refuse it."

Pressed by Mr. Gaitkell to say whether, if it was not a leak, it was an announcement of Government intention, Mr. Macmillan replied: "No, it was a prophecy — whether well-grounded or not I don't know." — China Mail Special.

TOP SEATO POST MAY GO TO ASIAN

Washington, Feb. 28. An Asian may be appointed to a newly created post of Secretary-General as head of Seato, it was learned today.

Representatives preparing for their third annual council meeting in Canberra in two weeks' time, had given the proposal a mixed reception, it was understood.

Its proponents said that an Asian Secretary-General, probably a Thai, would be a cohesive influence in Seato's internal machinery, would give the pact continuing impetus, and would ensure that sub-committees did not duplicate work.

Opponents say they remain unconvinced of the advantages of such a post over the present supreme permanent official, who is an executive secretary.

SHARP CONFLICT

Two other important matters had caused sharp differences among representatives, it was also learned on good authority. These were in the question of sharing costs of the Seato pact, and the role of Seato in Pakistan's quarrel with India over Kashmir, and the attitude of Seato towards neutralism.

Disagreement over costs of upkeep of the Seato machinery had arisen over a suggestion that the financial burden — now shared equally — should devolve upon members with most economic resources.

This would mean a greater financial contribution from France, Britain, and the United States, and their representatives had so far rejected the suggestion, informed sources said. Seato's members are Australia, Thailand, the United States, Britain, France, the Philippines, Pakistan and New Zealand. — Reuter.

No Money For Dam

Washington, Feb. 28. Mr. John Foster Dulles told the Senate today none of the funds President Eisenhower wanted for in his Middle East resolution would be used to help Egypt finance the building of the Aswan Dam. — Reuter.

Heli-Troops In Big Cyprus Arms Search

Nicosia, Feb. 28. British troops, many of them helicopter borne, converged today on the ancient Makheras Monastery in a new sweep against Cypriot terrorists.

Several battalions took part in the operation, spread over 100 square miles, in a search for arms dumps and "wanted" men.

A curfew was clamped on villages as troops moved in. The centuries-old monastery has been searched many times during operations against the Eoka terrorist movement. — France-Press.

Trade Union Friction With Co-ops

New Pact Wanted

By FRASER WIGHTON

London, Feb. 28. The Labour Party has given notice to its ally, the Co-operative Party, that it wants to end a 1940 agreement governing the political partnership of the two movements.

According to Socialist sources, the Labour Party wants to negotiate a new agreement.

Falling such a solution, there might be a split that would create a new opposition Co-operative Party in Parliament, robbing the Labour Party of 20 of its present Co-operative supporters, and seriously weakening its position.

Main reason for the decision to end the agreement — taken by a committee of Labour's governing body, the National Executive — appears to be the growing friction between the Trade Union and Co-operative wings of the Labour movement.

Trade unionists are complaining their men have been passed over in favour of co-operative nominees in the selection of candidates for recent by-elections.

The Co-operative Political Party, small in numbers, is the political wing of the Co-operative Trading Movement throughout Britain, which has a membership of more than 10 million. — China Mail Special.

3 OFFICERS SENTENCED

'Assaulted Driver'

Nicosia, Feb. 28.

A court-martial today sentenced three Army officers to be severely reprimanded for assaulting a drunken driver. The officers, Lieutenant Colonel P. C. M. Buckle, Royal West Kent Regiment Battalion Commander, and Major L. B. Beutler, OBE, and Lieutenant E. J. H. Dasset, of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, had all pleaded not guilty to the charge of assaulting driver George Meers of the RASC.

The court-martial, whose findings are subject to confirmation, also sentenced Colonel Buckle and Major Beutler to loss of two years' seniority. It acquitted Colonel Buckle of an additional charge that he had "spoken improperly" of driver Meers.

The court, which took an hour and a half to reach its decision, had heard defence counsel refer to "a clearer picture than has been brought" by the verdict and ask for leniency — China Mail Special.

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LIBEL SUIT AGAINST PRESIDENT OF HARVARD

Princeton, Feb. 28. Dr. James Conant, President emeritus of Harvard University and former U.S. High Commissioner in Germany, was handed a summons today in a \$150,000 libel suit filed against him by Judge William Clark.

Judge Clark, dismissed by Dr. Conant as High Commissioner Chief Justice in 1953, filed suit in the U.S. District Court in Trenton, New Jersey, charging Dr. Conant with libel in connection with communications to the State Department concerning the dismissal.

Mr. Clark's suit alleges that Dr. Conant termed him "irresponsible" in recommending his recall from Germany.

He had originally threatened libel action against Dr. Conant last September after winning a two-year battle for renewal of his passport.

Dr. Conant, dismissed Judge Clark as Commission Chief Justice in 1953.

Judge Clark subsequently ignored State Department instructions to return to the U.S. until his passport was confiscated while he was on holiday in the Canary Islands.

'False Accusation'

He opened a legal battle to regain his passport and charged that Dr. Conant's messages to the State Department during lengthy hearings on the passport issue "falsely accused me of 'criticizing the German courts'."

Judge Clark had clashed with Dr. Conant in October, 1953, when he ruled that a German Judge and City Attorney must appear in his court on the complaint of an American businessman.

The following day, Dr. Conant proclaimed a new occupation status, authorizing the appearance of German officials in American Courts only with the High Commissioner's permission.

Judge Clark said he was informed five weeks later that he was being removed from his post as an economy move. He refused to step down and on December 9 was suspended by the State Department for "insubordination."

His passport was confiscated later that month. — United Press.

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SINGAPORE PREPARES FOR LONDON TALKS

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Singapore, Mar. 1.
A political deadlock on the eve of the Singapore constitutional talks in London has been settled, the Straits Times reported today.

The United Malays National Organisation, a member of the Singapore Alliance, which has seats in the Legislative Assembly, had called off its boycott of a current series of all party conferences in Singapore. The conferences are putting the finishing touches to Singapore's new internal self-government, which will be negotiated with the Colonial Office in talks beginning on March 11.

The United Malays National Organisation boycotted the conferences when it claimed the other political parties had rejected its demands for special privileges for Malays, who are a minority group to the Chinese on Singapore Island.

Political Unity

Since then, intensive negotiations have been carried out to regain political unity before the beginning of the London talks on Singapore's future status. Newspaper reports said the Malay Organisation had shelved four of its demands.

The all-party conference, however, had accepted these two proposals for Singapore when it becomes more independent:

A. That it shall be the deliberate and conscious policy of the Singapore Government at all times to recognise the special position of the Malays, who are the indigenous people of the island and are in most need of assistance.

B. That the members of the Defence Council shall consist of three representatives of the Singapore Government, three of the British Government, and one of the Federation of Malaysia Government with ministerial rank.

Britain's Wishes

Mr Lim Yew Hock, the Singapore Chief Minister, has proposed a defence council to meet Britain's wishes that she should have a say in the internal security, external defence of Singapore, which for years has been Britain's "fortress island."

In London, Sir Robert Scott, British Commissioner-General in Southeast Asia, who arrived in London by air tonight from Singapore, to enter a military hospital for a general inspection and an operation for an internal disorder said that on the general situation in Southeast Asia, things were "getting warmed up" for next month's talks.

"There is no doubt that, in Lim Yew Hock, Singapore has a very sensible, a very practical, Chief Minister, who knows what he wants and he has inspired a great deal of confidence among all members of the community,"—Reuter and France-Press.

Investigation
Into Kashmir
Dispute

London, Feb. 28.
Two members of the British House of Commons flew to Pakistan today for a 17-day unofficial fact finding visit on the problem of Kashmir.

The two, Frederick Bennett, Conservative, and Frank Tomney, Labour, said they hoped they would receive an invitation to visit India also. The MPs are members of the Commons' Anglo-Pakistan group which is concerned with studying questions relating to those two countries. Tomney said they would make "an on the spot investigation" into the dispute. "We have already been invited to visit that part of Kashmir under Pakistan's control and we are hoping for a similar invitation from India," he added. Any use of United Nations troops in the area was "up to the UN," Tomney said. The two MPs will report to the parliamentary group on their return.—United Press.

ANTARCTIC
TEAM
EVACUATED

Wellington, Feb. 28.
Five men and three dogs (teams) manning by blizzards at the advance depot of the New Zealand Antarctic expedition to Skelton Glacier have been evacuated by air to expedition headquarters at Scott Base, it was reported today.

According to a radio message received here today, all 23 members of the New Zealand party are now together for the first time in the safety of Scott Base at McMurdo Sound. The evacuation was carried out in three flights of the expedition's Beaver aircraft, the official correspondent with the New Zealand expedition, Geoffrey Lee Martin, reported. The men evacuated to Scott Base formed a field party which had established a supply depot at the Skelton Glacier in preparation for next summer's Commonwealth Transantarctic expedition.—Reuter.

AIR CHIEF TO
ATTEND SEATO
MEETING

London, Feb. 28.
British Air Chief Marshal, Sir Dermot Boyle, the Royal Air Force Chief-of-Staff, will attend the Council meeting of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation in Canberra from March 11 to 13, the Air Ministry announced today.

The British delegation will be led by Earl Home, Minister of State for Commonwealth relations. Marshal Boyle will also attend the Committee meeting of SEATO military advisers in Canberra on March 8 and 9.—France-Press.

GREEKS SATISFIED WITH UN CYPRUS TALKS

New York, Feb. 28.
The Greek Foreign Minister, Mr Evangelos Averoff, said today that the discussions on the Cyprus question within the United Nations were "fair and satisfactory" to Greece and they had "clarified many things."

He said that in his view "the United States has been neutral on the Cyprus question. Asked if he felt that the United States should have been more than neutral,

Mr Averoff smiled and replied: "I cannot say that I personally was hoping for more than that."

The Foreign Minister talked to reporters shortly before his departure for Paris. He said he would "rest" in Paris for two days before continuing to Athens where he would arrive on Monday. He added that he wanted to be "rested up" in order to be present for the "big debate"

THE CAR-CUM CARAVAN



Mr Maurice Calhorne, a 40-year-old Englishman, has designed a combination car and caravan known as the "Home Cruiser." The vehicle is complete with two double beds, a bath—and even a cocktail cabinet. Mr Calhorne is pictured top left at ease inside the Home Cruiser. Picture top right shows pretty Miss Elizabeth Richards getting out of the bath with which the vehicle is equipped. Picture bottom shows Miss Richards standing at the door of the vehicle.—Express Photo.

H-BOMB TESTS MAY
LAST 8 MONTHS

Fairfield, Calif., Feb. 28.
A Royal Air Force squadron leader today hinted British hydrogen bomb tests in the Pacific may last as long as eight months.

Squadron leader George Stroats, who arrived recently at nearby Travis Air Force Base to serve British bombers scheduled to stop here from England en route to Christmas Island, told reporters he expects to be stationed at Travis about 55 miles east of San Francisco—for "the next seven or eight months."

He said Travis will be the only base in the United States where the RAF test and transport planes will land en route to Christmas Island.

Radiation fallout monitor stations will be located to the northwest of Christmas Island, British-occupied Johnston and Washington Islands. Christmas Island is about 3,500 miles southwest of San Francisco. Observers speculate that

several H-bomb devices are to be detonated, including at least one dropped from a jet bomber. A Federal weather forecaster has said that there is little likelihood that radiation would reach either Hawaii or California since the prevailing winds in the area at this time blow from east to west, or away from California.

Co-operating

Stroats said the British and American air forces are co-operating on the project. The initial group of British ground installations experts has already flown to Christmas Island. Some of these will be housed at Moffett Field, just north of San Jose, California. There has been speculation that these may be British thermodynamic scientists and technicians who may have been conferring at AEC facilities in the bay area with US atomic energy experts on mutual problems.—United Press.

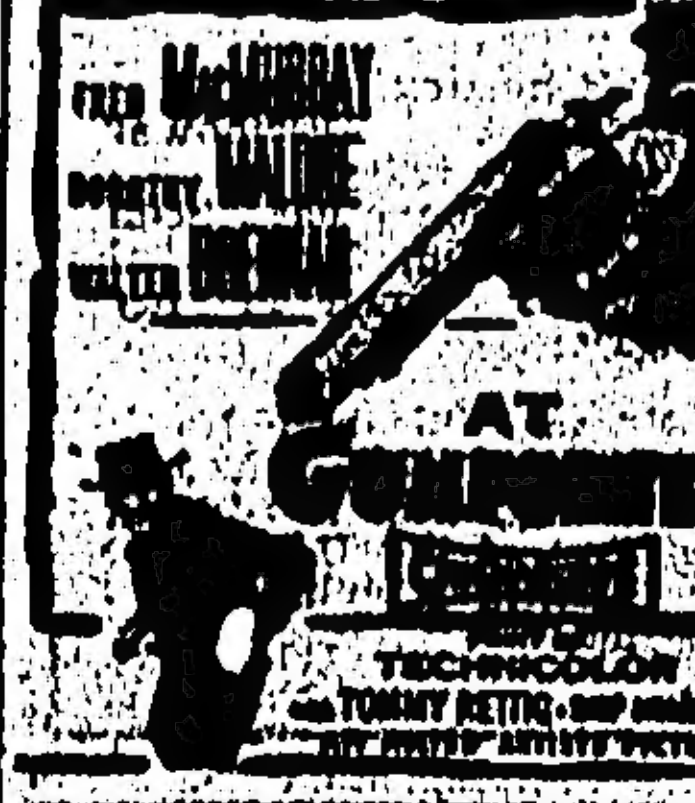
MISSILE RANGE

London, Feb. 28.
The British Air Ministry will establish a target area for testing guided missiles in the Hebrides, a chain of lonely islands off the east coast of Scotland. It was officially stated here tonight.

The Air Ministry will regulate some 2,000 acres of land for the purpose.—France-Press.

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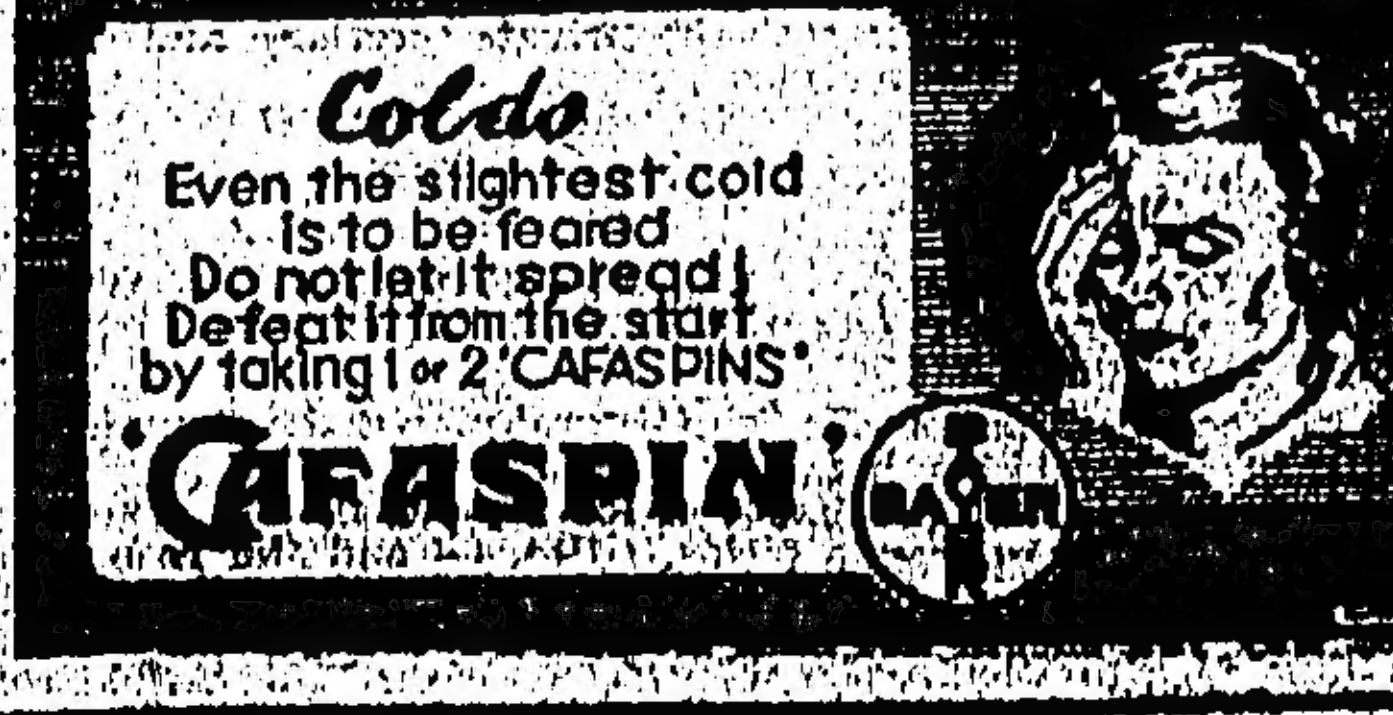
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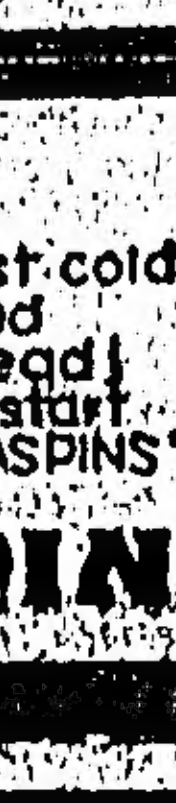
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Ike's Plan DISAPPOINTING TO US OFFICIALS

Washington, Feb. 28.

American officials admitted their disappointment today over failure of the Arab "summit conference" in Cairo to make favourable mention of the Eisenhower Middle East plan in its communiqué.

Formal United States comment was withheld. State Department spokesman Lincoln White was asked for comment at his daily press conference, but said he was unable to express any opinion.

"The communiqué is under study," he said.

But other American officials said in response to inquiries that they were disappointed in their hope that the communiqué would make favourable mention of the Middle East plan.

Saudi Arabia's official American spokesman said he would be able to persuade other Arab leaders that the Eisenhower plan fits in with their own aspirations and their best interests.

US officials were gratified when the communiqué published after Saudi's visit to Libya praised Eisenhower's understanding of Middle East issue. But they recognised that the first test of Saudi's efficacy as spokesman for the doctrine would come at his Cairo meeting with the heads of Egypt, Jordan, and Syria.

Split 50-50

After the Cairo meeting got underway, it was known that the four Arab leaders were split more or less 50-50 on the doctrine, with Saudi supporting it warmly. King Hussein of Jordan tending to be in favour, President Kuwailid of Syria opposed strongly, and President Nasser of Egypt tending to antagonism.

The disappointment in official quarters here is that King Saud was unable to exert sufficient influence to win the opposition over to a less hostile view of US policy—at least enough to make favourable mention on the Eisenhower plan possible.

Some observers tended to the view that Saudi could not realistically have been expected to pull off such a political coup on Eisenhower's behalf. They thought the Saudi monarch did well in that the communiqué at least was silent on the Eisenhower doctrine.

But US officials said this line of reasoning could not be said to compensate for their feeling of disappointment.

They said they were in sympathy with other portions of the

communiqué reiterating the independence and sovereignty of the Arab states.

In Damascus today Mr Sabry el Assali, Syrian Prime Minister, said the Cairo talks had "established the falsehood of allegations of a division" between them.

Mr Assali returned from Cairo today with the rest of the Syrian delegation, but President Kuwailid is spending a few days in Egypt before coming home.

Mr Assali, who is expected to make a statement on the conference in Parliament on Saturday, said:

True Arab Interests

"The unanimous resolutions adopted by the conference established Arab unity towards true Arab interests."

The Information Minister, Mr Salih Aked, said the conference was most successful "because it explicitly affirmed that the four Arab states policy was based on constructive neutrality, abstaining from military alliances plus a defence policy." —United Press and Reuter.

Nasser's Canal Cut Was Too Small

London, Feb. 28.

Jacques Georges-Picot, Director of the Universal Suez Canal Company, said today that Egypt's share of the Canal's profits "doubtless" was too small before President Gamal Abdel Nasser took over the Canal last July.

Georges-Picot, in a luncheon address to the French Chamber of Commerce here, said Egypt received \$5,000,000 yearly from the Canal whereas Kuwait and Saudi Arabia each received the equivalent of £50,000,000 from American oil firms.

Georges-Picot said however he doubted whether Egypt's present "hypernationalism" could have been satisfied with further profits instead of taking over the Canal.

Egypt's low share in profits stemmed from a policy of low tolls which aided Canal users but not the company's shareholders, Georges-Picot added. —France-Press.

Commissioner To Pakistan Takes Up Post

Karachi, Feb. 28.

Tengku Muhammad Burhanuddin, Malaya's first Commissioner in Pakistan, arrived tonight in Karachi to take up his post.

He told an AFP correspondent that his main task would be to promote trade relations between Malaya and Pakistan.

The welfare of Malayan nationals in Pakistan would also be his concern, he said.

Tengku Burhanuddin added: "My job here generally will be to foster good relations between the two countries." —France-Press.

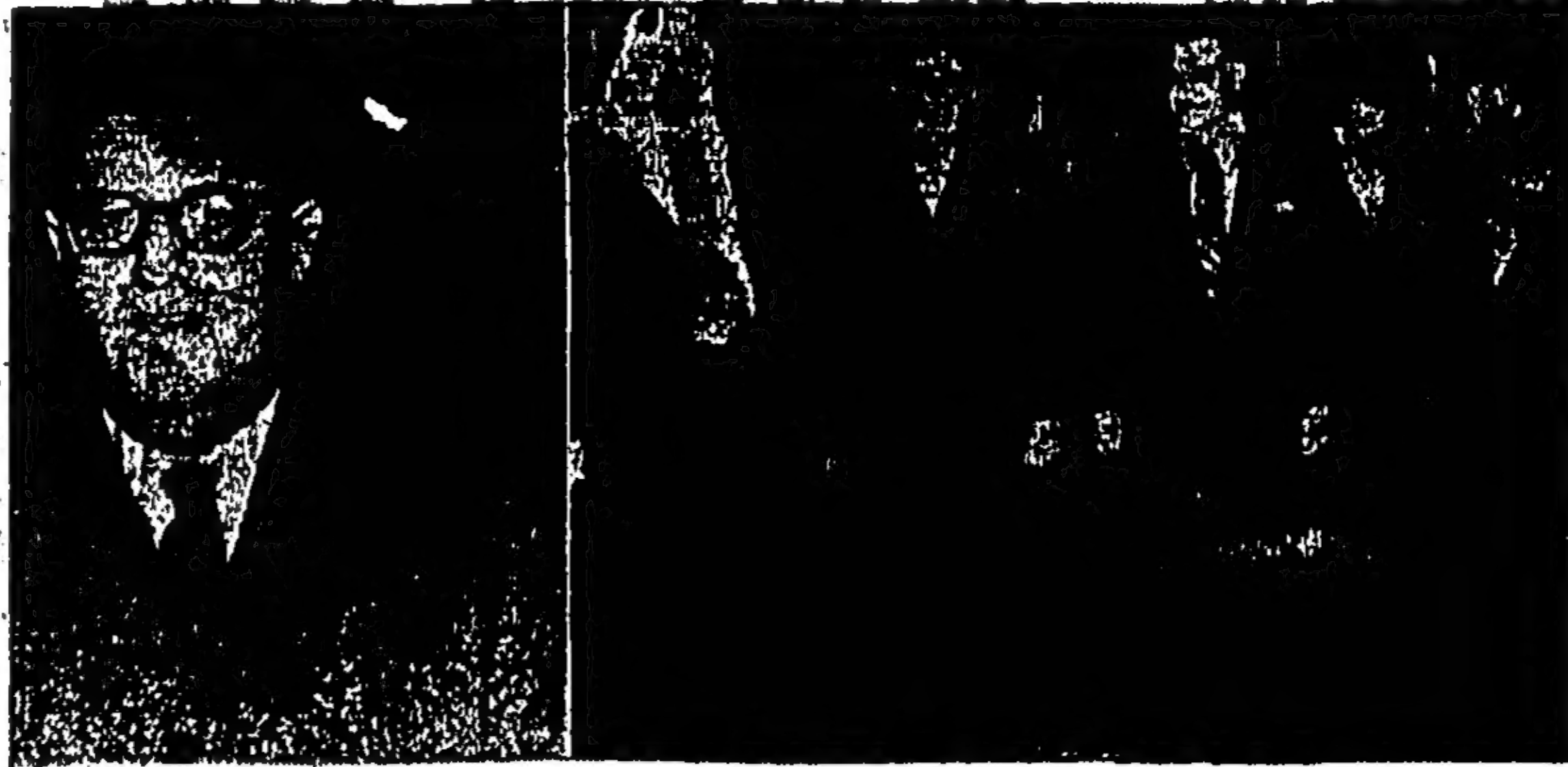
Certain Of Presidency

Rangoon, Feb. 28.

Burmese Transport Minister, U Win Maing, was today assured of election as the country's President for the next five years at nominations closed with him as the only candidate for the post.

A joint session of the Upper and Lower Houses of the Burmese Parliament will officially elect him on March 11, and his term begins two days later.

U Win Maing is a Karen, second largest Burmese nationality group. —France-Press.



As world tension heightened last weekend over the future of the Israeli-occupied Gaza strip, both Israel and the Arab states were active diplomatically. Picture left shows Israel Ambassador at London Airport shortly before flying to the USA for talks with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. Picture right shows the leaders of four Arab states conferring in Cairo. From left are: King Saud of Saudi Arabia; President Nasser of Egypt; President Nasser of Egypt; and King Hussein of Jordan. —Express Photo.

Wonders Of Tomorrow's Kitchen

Paris, Feb. 28.

An electronic kitchen that does everything for the busy housewife and a modern Japanese home were the centres of interest today at the opening of the 26th Salon Des Arts Menagers (French household arts exhibition).

The show, containing displays by 1,500 exhibitors, goes on until March 24, and is expected to have one and a half million to two million visitors this year.

In the "Kitchen of Tomorrow," Parisians and visitors from the provinces and abroad, gaped in disbelief as an electronic brain received a punch-card recipe, weighed out and delivered the ingredients and did all the cooking and baking.

GARBAGE DISAPPEARED

Drawers and cupboards opened and closed with a wave of the hand, garbage disappeared as if by magic, dishes were washed and dried in seconds, and food trolleys drove off to the dining-room to bring each course and return with empty plates.

The show also featured "do it yourself" furniture, electric sewing, useful shaped relaxation chairs, new ideas in interior decoration and a new shoulder-high horizontal wall refrigerator. —France-Press.

Housewives Against Caddies

Tokyo, Feb. 28.

The Japanese Housewives Association, assisted by the Parents and Teachers Associations today requested the Metropolitan Government to issue an ordinance making it unlawful for golfers to hire young children as caddies in Japan.

The joint request said the present practice of paying the children three to six pounds sterling per month to act as caddies on metropolitan golf courses was apt to make the children forgetful of the true value of money and prompt them to make the children play truant from school.

A Metropolitan Government spokesman said the request had been taken under consideration. —Reuter.

DUCHESS OF KENT LEAVES FOR ACCRA

Accra, Mar. 1.

A TREMENDOUS welcome by the people of the Gold Coast awaited the Duchess of Kent who leaves London today for the Independence celebrations in Accra.

As the Queen's representative, the Duchess will dominate the celebrations leading up to this British colony's emergence at midnight on March 6 as a new independent state within the Commonwealth named Ghana.

A few hours later, on March 6, she will open the first session of the Ghana Parliament in the attractive, tropic-style assembly building formerly known as the King George V Memorial Hall and used as the town hall.

A 21-gun salute will be fired by the Gold Coast artillery as the

Japan Said Observing Cocom Regulations

London, Feb. 28.

Lord Gosford, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, told the House of Lords today that the Japanese Government was scrupulously correct in observing regulations of the China Committee of the Consultative Group about the export of strategic goods to China.

A Liberal, Lord Ellbank, had asked whether the British representative on the Committee in Paris was consulted before the decision announced by Japan on November 27 to sell to China a large range of embargoed goods from the exhibition of Japanese industrial products held in Peking and Shanghai at the end of the year.

Consulted

Lord Gosford replied that he was informed that when the Japanese Minister for External Trade announced to the Japanese Chamber of Commerce on November 27 that his government would be prepared to authorise the sale of the goods shown in the exhibition of Japanese industrial products, he made it clear that licences for the sale of embargoed goods to China would be authorised only in accordance with the China Committee procedures.

Lord Gosford said he was further informed that none of the embargoed goods were in fact sold to China.

Lord Gosford added: "The Japanese Government are scrupulously correct in observing China Committee regulations. In view of the fact that negotiations for the sale of embargoed goods did not materialise it was in no way necessary for them to consult or report to the China Committee."

Lord Gosford added that the China Committee was consulted before the exhibition was sent to China. —Reuter.

Sultan Puts Off Operation

Rabat, Feb. 28.

Sultan Mohammed of Morocco has postponed an emergency hernia operation to be on hand to greet the United States Vice-President, Mr Richard Nixon, when he arrives here tomorrow, the Imperial Palace disclosed today.

A Palace communiqué said the Sultan would enter a clinic on Saturday for immediate operation on the advice of his French private surgeon and private doctor, and Morocco's Health Minister, Dr M. Fraj. —France-Press.

THE DUCHESS



Duchess leaves the airport which is due at Accra at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The Duchess will be driven on a five-mile state drive from the airport through broad, asphalted roads flanked by bungalow gardens rich in flowers and foliage to the Accra Municipal Council for a welcome by Accra chiefs.

Thousands of Accra's 200,000 citizens and many visitors from the whole colony and abroad will be lining the streets to wave and cheer.

School children will have a strategic place while many men in brilliant national robes will outline in a memorial splendour the normally shabby coloured walls of the women's

LITTLE CHANGE SEEN IN 'NEW' HUNGARIAN POLICY

By RONALD FARQUHAR

Budapest, Feb. 28.

Hungary's Communist rulers today announced broader party and government leadership, but, in the opinion of Western diplomatic observers, still cling to the rigid policy line they adopted at the beginning of this year.

The Socialist Workers (Communist) Party elected a new five-man Secretariat — headed by the Prime Minister, Mr János Kadar — to administer its day-to-day affairs.

It also appointed 14 new members to its provisional Central Committee, bringing the total to 37, increased its Executive Committee from eight to ten members, and formed a five-member Control Committee.

Tonight the Government announced the appointment of new ministers to the Interior, Defence, Health and Education, and the promotion of Dr Ferenc Münnich, former Interior and Defence Minister, to the rank of First Deputy Prime Minister.

Approval

A party resolution passed at the Central Committee meeting, which approved the party changes two days ago, said: "Considerable successes" and general consolidation had been achieved in the fight against counter-revolutionary forces in Hungary.

But the complete and final annihilation of these forces, whose "scattered units" were still active underground, called for "resolute repressive measures" and steps to disclose and isolate them ideologically and politically.

The resolution also bitterly condemned Imre Nagy—deposed "national" Communist Prime Minister—and his followers for "treacherous activity" and called for the "final liquidation" of their anti-Marxist views.

It demanded action against "corruptive rightist social democratic tendencies, inspired by foreign imperialist circles" which had gained ground in certain trade unions.

Party control of every sphere of activity appeared to be reasserted, observers said, in a decision to begin regular cadre work (in which details of people's personal lives are kept under close scrutiny).

More Restricted

But, the resolution said, this was to be considerably more restricted than previously.

It also called for the organisation of a party school to give

ideological training to functionaries.

Observers said that this seemed a further development of the strict policy adopted by the party after a five-power meeting of Communist leaders at Budapest at the end of last year attended by the Soviet Party First Secretary, Mr Nikita Khrushchev.

Tight Grip

But the composition of the Secretariat, which included leading party figures, some of whom are believed to represent differing policy trends, seemed to indicate greater inner party democracy than previously and was apparently a sign that no single section held a monopoly of power.

Mr Gyula Kallai, who becomes a member of the Secretariat and was also appointed Education Minister, is considered to favour liberal and conciliatory measures where possible.

But the retention in power of old guard Communists such as Mr Karolyi Kise and Mr Antal Apró was interpreted in some diplomatic circles here as indicating that a tight grip would be maintained on any trend towards liberalisation at present.

The youngest of the four new Ministers is 35-year-old Mr Bela Blasko, who becomes Interior Minister. He has been a party member for 12 years and since 1951 was party secretary in two Budapest workers' districts.

The new Defence Minister, General Geza Revesz, 55, is a founder member of the party who organised partisan movements during the Second World War.

University Professor

The new Health Minister, Dr Frigyes Dolancsall, is a 60-year-old former university professor and hospital director. His official biography makes no mention of his ever having been a Communist and cites no other political affiliations.

Kallai, 46, a journalist, was Foreign Minister from 1949 to 1951. —China Mail Special.

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THE BATTLE OF THE WAIST-LINE—AND ONE MAN'S WAY OF DEALING WITH IT

William Hickey

COLUMN



1 Margaret Rowe, 20-year-old Miss England of 1955, a beautiful brunette who came nearer to winning the Miss Universe competition than any British girl, restored my faith in human nature the other day.

In the past two years she has travelled all over the world, modelling and on film engagements. She has been photographed at galas in Monte Carlo, her name has been linked romantically with several film stars. Now she is getting married — to the man she met before all this started.

He is travel agent Freddie Kuhn, who has remained quietly in the background for the past two years. "He has always been my greatest friend," she told me. "Glamour is not marriage, you know."

Three girls in the news

2 She was first Miss Payne, then Mrs Fleming. Now, although she has not remarried, she calls herself Mrs Foulkes.

Even her former husband, Commander Harvey Fleming, R.N., who is stationed at Portsmouth, had no idea why when I asked him last week.

"As a matter of fact, I didn't realise 'Mrs Foulkes' was my ex-wife until I saw her picture in the paper. I last saw her in 1950 and we were divorced in 1953," he said.

Wealthy Englishwoman Mrs Manian Foulkes, whose name has been linked with that of Lieutenant-Commander Michael Parker, walks down a Rome street. Commander Parker resigned as private secretary to the Duke of Edinburgh recently after it had been announced that he and his wife were separated.

Three angles on marriage

3 Here is Elizabeth Taylor, big-eyed, big-brimmed, small-crowned on her third headline honeymoon, this time at Acapulco in Mexico.

She is saying she may give up film acting entirely and concentrate on being Mike Todd's wife.

In fact, with a heavenly smile, she is saying that she is now just Mrs Mike Todd.

Knowing that tempestuous, dynamic man I should think she has taken on quite a full-time job.

They are staying in Mexico for three weeks — a long time for Todd to stay in any one place.

He thinks nothing of going from London to Paris for a cocktail and leaving Madrid for New York just to have dinner with a friend.



How will YOU look on the beach this summer?

IT is a splendid thing to be fit. I have noticed the difference ever since I got involved in physical training... man's latest craze in his battle with his waist line.

On both sides of the Atlantic and all over Europe gymanasia are springing up wherever there is room to swing a skipping-rope. I have been finding out why.

After a mere six lessons folk stand to one side as I pass them. They hurry to open doors, to give precedence at every corner.

This is probably due not so much to a minute expansion of my chest as to the fact that I now have a pronounced limp.

First, though, what started this fitness fad?

Vital age

It applies only to that most important age of man... between 35 and 50 when the flesh is weak and the tummy

by
ROBIN NICHOLAS

expansive; when breath is shorter than petrol, and the morning song-birds grow apologetic trying to make themselves heard over the smoker's cough.

Since the war man has been resentful of this and has struggled unsuccessfully with one diet craze after another.

In every desk there is a printed sheet prescribing lean meat and sugarless tea; in every diary is a note on the alimning virtues of three bananas and a pint of milk.

Every crank who has ever heard of a protein has tortured his fellows with green salads and saccharine. Even I invented a diet of smoked salmon and gin which was sneered at from the calorie-conscious heights of the Woman's Page.

But all that is over now. In these first months of 1957, dieticians are at a discount. The skipping-rope is supreme.

Men who spent the whole war in employing the national flair for enterprise, by avoiding P.T. instructors, are now paying cash for the services of civilians.

And the habit is catching on fast. Let one man boast in his club of finding a muscle in his calf and a queue of his friends rush out shopping for shorts and pillois.

What is it like for a normally unhealthy male to present himself at a gymnasium?

It is alarming. There is a strong atmosphere of the arena. The whole place is as redolent of expended effort as a power house.

And the glimpse through the changing-room doorway of a white-sweated instructor idly skipping 200 times or so makes you feel tired even as you bend to unlace your shoes.

Mr Walter Fullwood is my trainer. A former Derbyshire county cricketer, they call him "Blossom." A more unlikely

By the Rev.
Frank Martin

She Dreaded Her Parents

SHE lay limply in bed, her pale, frightened face framed on the pillow by dark hair.

I remember it well. It was two in the morning, and the family doctor had just dragged her back slowly, miraculously from the borders of death.

Iris was 17. She had nearly killed herself attempting to bring on a miscarriage. For she was too young to live with fear and concealment and shame.

And she dreaded her prim, respectable parents too much to confide in them.

I AM TELLING THE STORY BECAUSE IT IS THE STORY OF THOUSANDS.

But still our attitude is either of blank, unfeeling disapproval or candy-does sentimentality... Some people have condemned Mr. Fred Thomas, of Hampstead, London, for not allowing his 17-year-old daughter Jacqueline to marry the man whose child she is expecting.

Too Young

He said she was still too young to know her own mind. And when Jackie asked the magistrates for permission to marry they commended her father for acting in her best interests.

But a man I know was so determined that his daughter should marry, so sure she was in love, that he bought the

wedding ring, paid for the ceremony.

That marriage lasted a month. Of the two, I think Mr Thomas was right.

"Shot-gun" weddings are out of date. Even if "puppy love" results in a child, why must two unsuited people be bound together for life?

Sinned

And why must we be so anxious to punish?

Need we punish the mother? She has sinned. But not like older people, cynically and cruelly.

More often than not there is love and innocence in her sinning. And what punishment that we can devise can be greater than her loneliness and sorrow and humiliation?

Need we punish the child? How wicked is a new-born baby? How much less worthy of delight and gratitude is a child because you can label it illegitimate?

But according to our notions, mother and child are guilty. And the guilty must be made to suffer.

One day I visited a home where unmarried mothers go to have their babies. It is staffed by kindly, compassionate women. It is bright and cheerful.

AND YET IT DISGRACES ALL OF US.

What exists because there are still many parents who turn their daughters out when they become pregnant.



We go for a gentle trot,...

nick-name for a man hacked out of granite I have yet to hear.

He is kind....

But he is kind. That first night he said: "We'll take it very easily at first... just half an hour at a time until we get some life in you. Let's go for a gentle trot."

It is not hard to visualise the secret fears of muffled-up business men returning home that winter's night as through the darkness came the soft pit pat of Blossom's shoes and the heavy thud, thud of mine.

Add to that a strange wheezing I happened to be making,

and I am astonished that the Zoo had no reports of the escape of a remarkable animal with two flat feet.

"On your toes," commanded Blossom. If I had been able to speak I would have told him very firmly I was having trouble staying on my feet, let alone any nominated part of them. But all agony comes to an end. After we had run what I thought was a couple of miles (and my instructor said was 440 yards) we got back to the gym.

I had a vague red haze before my eyes. Blossom was very decent about it. "I'm sorry I took you so far," he said. "I just didn't realise anyone of your age could be so unfit. It's frightening, isn't it?"

CUMMINGS ALWAYS HAD COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN THE PROFESSIONS UNTIL HE MET SOCIALLY—

THE MEDICAL MAN

"And then, hal hal we found that we'd sewn up the scissors and a tourniquet inside him!"



THE LAWYER

"Speaking as a friend and not as a professional man, old boy, just keep well out of a lawsuit—even if you are fifty times in the right."



THE ARCHITECT

"And it was only when they were laying the carpets that we discovered the main drains hadn't been put in..."



THE AIRLINE MAN

"Why, I was on that run for two years—now I always go by train."



THE POLITICIAN

"... the vital letter went, by mistake, in the Foreign Secretary's trousers: pocket to the dry cleaners... general mobilisation followed."



• How pleased with yourself will you feel when you go on the beach this summer? In many homes, the head of the family is already feeling anxious about an expanding waist line. Can he do anything about it without going on a diet? He can. This article explains how.

Suddenly he hit me in the stomach. "That," he snarled, "is your diaphragm. It should be under your ribs. You are going to be a horrible sight in a couple of years if you don't watch out."

He told me to lie down and relax. A rapid calculation that my half-hour must be nearly up and that a good rest would probably finish it, filled the room with sunshine.

Little did I know. There I was on my back panting like an excited puppy until Blossom caught me at it. "Breathe," he ordered. "Haven't you ever learned to breathe properly?"

I can now. But I never imagined what horror it can be at first.

Soon fixed

At that time I calculated that my legs were set up. I probably had a slipped disc and something awful was happening to my stomach. But my arms were still in their good old puny state.

Blossom soon fixed that. He produced a medicine ball. I don't really remember the hot shower, the cold shower, or even getting on the massage table. I really came round as Blossom was slapping the backs of my legs and saying sadly, "Haven't you ever WALKED. Another couple of months and you would look like a tadpole."

It was then that we went for a drink.

What a sight that saloon bar was. Full of pasty-faced folk—pasty and flabby. But even then I made another mistake. I ordered a gin. Blossom looked really cross. "I said a drink,"

he snorted, "not that stuff. Have some beer."

Things have changed since. I even find breathing restful now. Three hours a week and my waist has narrowed, my chest broadened and... I concentrate... even my horrible diaphragm pops into place.

I have learned to use a medicine ball as a missile and the barman has mastered the knack of switching my gin for beer when Blossom appears.

A boast....

In the medicine cupboard instead of sleeping pills there is embrocation; instead of aspirin, there is embrocation; instead of bismuth, there is... embrocation.

My smoking has been cut down without any effort at all on my part. And... I know it sounds like boasting... but I did six hand presses the other day.

If you want to try you will have to be checked by your doctor first... all instructors insist on that. And you need not worry about it being too strenuous.

Fees vary from half a crown to about 5s a session. There are gymnasts that look like sheds and others like clubs... they are all as good. And if there isn't one near you now... I'm prepared to bet there will be one soon.

One last thing—that limp of mine. I tripped over a skipping-rope.

Well... I thought it was a game for little girls in pigtails. Anyway, Blossom can't get me out trotting for a while.

Museum Displays Guns of Teenagers

THE dignified American Museum of Natural History has a new exhibition—a collection of zip guns, sling shots, knives and lead clubs taken from teenage trouble-makers in recent months. All the "weapons" shown were used by mischievous youths within the museum itself.

The object of the exhibit is to dramatise the museum's need for increasing its present force of 118 attendants responsible for watching 13 acres of exhibit space.

Items in the collection are a home-made .22 calibre pistol which looks as though it was turned out in a factory and powerful slingshots that discharge large ball bearings.

Glass broken

It was such a sling that put a hole and large crack through a prized 12 by 20 ft pane of glass covering a life-like group of marsh birds in flight.

"Misbehaviour... especially violence by teenagers, has been increasing rapidly lately," said Dr Albert Parr, director of the museum.

"We had 2,000,000 visitors in 1956, of whom 80 per cent

were children and adolescents.

Several go to hospital

"If only one child in a thousand is a bad egg, we get 1,200 bad eggs a year. We must have more attendants to prevent not only damage but injury to visitors."

"Several people recently have suffered injuries that have required hospital treatment."

Another famous museum has also asked for more protection. It is the Metropolitan Museum of Art, which reported it had been plagued by outbreaks of vandalism.

"Someone," said Dr James Rorimer, the director, "dropped paper into an ancient Egyptian mummy case and set fire to it. We put out the blaze before more than minor damage was done."

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FELIAS IN THE GRAND NATIONAL



Shown here with Jim Power up is Felias, nine-year-old entered for the Grand National Steeplechase to be run at Aintree, Liverpool, on March 29. He will carry 10 stone 5 pounds in the big race, and will be ridden by W. Rees. Felias has won twice this season (at Wetherby and Manchester) and at the last callover for the Grand National was quoted at 33-1. He is now trained by Fulke Walwyn at Lambourn and last ran in Mr V. Harmsworth's colours. — Reuter-photo.

RACING GAVE THEM RICHES

James Merry Was Only Occasionally Bright

By PERCY RUDD

One day a pedlar was hawking miscellaneous goods among the Ayrshire hills when he picked up a stone that seemed to him unusual. He put it in his pocket and later, when plying his wares in Staffordshire, had it examined and found it was rich in iron.

So he collected some money, returned to Ayrshire and bought for a mere song the barren-looking land on which he had found the stone. That was how his son, James Merry, came to possess an iron mine so prolific in ore that not long after his father's death he sold part of his interest in it for a million pounds.

Merry was a dour and acquisitive Scot, with a nature as hard as the metal from which he derived his wealth. Cock-fighting was the sport that attracted him first and he was 34 when he began to take an interest in racing.

He had no real aptitude for this later love, but his natural instinct for making money found a scope in betting and he collected a fortune of £25,000 when Thormanby won for him the first of his two Derbys in 1860.

Thormanby had been bought as a yearling for 350 guineas by Matt Dawson, the second of the five trainers employed by James Merry during the 30 odd years of his association with the turf.

Merry did not like the cold and made Dawson keep "the jerry devil" for some time at his own expense before he would agree to take him over. In view of that and the immense sum he won on the race, his present of £1,000 to the trainer after Thormanby's Derby victory did not exactly err on the side of generosity.

DRUNKEN JOCKEY
Thormanby's jockey, Harry Cudmore, who was then only 18, received £100, accompanied by the pious hope that "it would not tempt him to go wrong." Gifts to successful riders after owners had big wins were in those days usually on a lavish scale, and Cudmore, recalling the present and the remark that followed, said it would have been more likely "to make a jockey turn his nose up."

Actually Cudmore was lucky to be on Thormanby at all. The owner, without telling his trainer, had imported from Russia for that purpose a jockey named Jackie Sharpe. Sharpe arrived at Epsom at dawn on Derby Day in charge of Merry's faithful bodyguard, an ex-pugilist named "Tass".

UNPARALLELED FEAT
That was a great year for Merry, for which he was rewarded with both the Oaks and the St. Leger. For the same owner to have the two Epsom classic winners first and second in the St. Leger as happened when Doncaster chased Marie Stuart home is a feat unparalleled in racing history. He had won the Oaks and the St. Leger previously with Sunbeam and the Two Thousand Guineas with Macgregor.

Macgregor was thought to have been "got at" before the Derby, for which he started at odds-on favourite and finished only fourth, behind the three worst horses ever placed up to that time (1870). In the big Epsom race, Merry's second yearling, Marie Stuart, won the Oaks and the St. Leger. Merry's third yearling, Marie Stuart, won the Oaks and the St. Leger. Merry's third yearling, Marie Stuart, won the Oaks and the St. Leger.

They then went over to sponge-rubbing and impressed the spectators with their skill. — Reuter.

Parker, who had strict instructions to keep him away from the bottle. But after a sweating work-out with the jockey on the downs Parker needed a bath and while he was having it, Sharpe got hold of a brandy bottle.

The circumstance and its effects doubtless influenced Matt Dawson's arguments against the Russian immigrant and at the last moment Cudmore, who had ridden Thormanby in most of his gallops, was allowed to mount him for the Derby. Sharpe was put up on another of Mr Merry's horses, with order to make the running, but was never seen among the leaders.

Twelve years before Thormanby, James Merry had owned Chanticleer who won ten out of fourteen races, including the Northumberland Plate, Goodwood Stakes and Doncaster Cup. Since his commission agent, Fred Swindells, got him 7 to 1, 6 to 1 and 3 to 1 respectively about Chanticleer in these events he probably was richer by £50,000 as the result of the horse's triple success.

Doncaster, Mr Merry's second Derby winner in 1873, cost 950 guineas as a yearling. When he was bought from the Sledmerey Stud he bore the unusual and unpretty name of All Heart and No Peel and his new owner changed this to Doncaster, since it was at Doncaster Sales where he was bought.

The horse had not been raced when Robert Peck, the last of Mr Merry's trainers, got off his back after a gallop in his early three-year-old days and said "There's the Derby winner!" He backed his opinion at once at 16 to 1, but in the Derby Doncaster started at 45 to 1. This was due to the fact that he had been misplaced in the Two Thousand Guineas, his only previous race and there had been talk of scratching him.

Japanese Team Use 100-Year-Old Table Tennis Bat
Stockholm, Feb. 28.

The Japanese team for the World Table Tennis Championships, beginning here next Thursday, arrived here by air from Copenhagen today. They were a little tired after their 30 hour journey from Tokyo to Copenhagen, but gave a convincing demonstration of their skill to a large crowd of spectators who assembled to watch their warming-up exercises this afternoon at the Kungshallen indoor courts.

World Champion Ogimura and Ex-World Champion Tanaka first played with a pair of 100-year-old bats which the Table Tennis Association received as a gift from England. They then went over to sponge-rubbing and impressed the spectators with their skill. — Reuter.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING STARTS TOMORROW

The stage is set for the Hongkong Jockey Club's Annual Race Meeting which starts at noon tomorrow, continuing on Wednesday, March 6, and Saturday, March 9. There are 10 events each day and the fifth interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.). The fifth race begins at 3.00 p.m.

The most interesting events tomorrow will be the three sections of the Hopewell Stakes for 1957 Subs and the Chinese Club Cup for Class 1 ponies. There are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE
Old Course Handicap (From 114 lbs. Post).
The carnival opens with a sprint race for novice riders, who will be given mounts on Class 5 ponies. Midget (Robert Luk) is in the pink of condition and the short sprint may just suit it.
Yin Chi (Andrew Lam) and Gladale (Alex Lam) are reputed flyers expected to jump out for leadership right from the start.
Heilzapoppin (C. E. Hulser) is not to be underrated over this distance and should find firm support from the public.
For an outsider I recommend Fung Chi (Allen Chan).

SECOND RACE
Hopewell Stakes (1st Section): 1 Mile.
This race will serve to introduce the new Australian subscription griffin to the racing public and, basing my selections on training performances, I think the winner will come from among No Surprise (Robert Tami), Welcome (H. K. Chuang), Magic Eyes (Alex

FOURTH RACE
Hopewell Stakes (2nd Section): One Mile.
In this race for the second section of the new Australian subscription, I don't think I shall be far wrong in stating that the ponies to watch are Edinburgh (M. Samarc), Jake (Oliveira), Cherry Pie (Robert Tami) and Golden Nugget (A. Ostroff). Edinburgh is my choice and I think it should win but Jake is not to be ignored as this pony is quite dependable over this distance.
Cherry Pie and Golden Nugget are also quite good over this distance and will be near at the finish.

FIFTH RACE
Hopewell Stakes (3rd Section): One Mile.
In this race the following should attract the most attention: Aslan Diamond (H. K. Chuang), Glamour Girl (H. K. Hung), Permanent View (H. C. Phip), and Shillelagh (M. Samarc).
Aslan Diamond is greatly fancied in view of its convincing gallop over the mile in 1.58.2—last quarter 28.4—on February 17 during morning gallops with H. K. Chuang up. But on the other hand Glamour Girl is also known to

Lam) and Don Juan (H. M. Beggan).

With No Surprise, Robert Tami has a great opportunity of winning this race, but he may expect strong opposition from either Welcome or Magic Eyes, both of which are capable of giving No Surprise a great fight.

Don Juan is also considered good enough in this field and may cause an upset here.
THIRD RACE
Western Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.
In this race, My Pal (Albert Lam) will have an opportunity to score a win following his performance in the Pinnacle Pass Handicap (First Section) from the 1 1/4 Mile Post when it came in second to Cornhill at the last meeting.
There is Quette (K. Kwok) to be considered and, if given a runaway start, it will give My Pal a good run for first position.

The Kangaroo (Alex Lam) and Armament (Joseph Lam) should fight out third place.

SIXTH RACE
Western Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.
This race is confined to the second section of Class 8 ponies. The calibre of Tumbleweed (K. Kwok) is well known and its win in the Saddle Pass Handicap over the two mile post at the last meeting must rule it as the pony to win this race.

Opposition should come from Cornhill (A. Ostroff) and Blondie (C. W. Wong). Advancement (E. K. Tu) is a good outsider.
SEVENTH RACE
Chinese Club Cup: One Mile.
This is the main event of the day and will be contested by Class 1 ponies.
Night People (K. Kwok) seems to have the best chance of winning this race.
Shirazu (H. K. Hung) may prove dangerous with Wingsome Stag (H. K. Chuang) also having a say in the matter.
As an outsider I suggest Enilia (A. Ostroff).

EIGHTH RACE
Encouragement Handicap: From 114 lbs. Post.
This event will be fought out by Class 9 ponies and judging from its previous placing behind Dikloosh in the Junk Bay Handicap at the 7th race meeting, Isis which will be taken out by A. Travet, will probably win.

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A pony which could cause an upset is Gallant Knight (C. F. Ng).

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Victoria Handicap: From 2 Mile Post.
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Archie Moore Agrees To Defend Title

World Light-Heavyweight Boxing Champion Archie Moore has agreed to defend his world crown against the winner of a fight between challengers Chuck Speller and Tony Anthony, Detroit stadium matchmaker Nick London said today.

London said the world title fight would take place at Detroit on June 7. Moore's agreement was communicated to London by the champion's manager, Charley Johnston, of France-Press.

FINAL TEST MATCH JOHNNY WARDLE AND BRIAN STATHAM OUT OF ENGLAND'S TEAM

Port Elizabeth, Cape Province, Mar. 1.
England will enter the decisive fifth and final Test against South Africa here today without the spin of Johnny Wardle and the pace of Brian Statham.

The absence of these two bowlers is a big blow to England, who need only to draw the match to win the rubber.

Wardle had a manipulative operation yesterday for cartilage trouble in his left knee, injured while playing snooker on Thursday.
The Yorkshire left-arm slow bowler, who played in the first four Tests, has taken more wickets than any other England bowler in the series.

Statham failed to pass a fitness trial in the nets. Testing his injured foot, he bowled only three deliveries at full pace, and this was a real poser. But, believing in the theory that when in doubt it is safest to disapprove, he answered "I'm for abolishing them!"
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HASHIM KHAN OUT
But Squash Title Will Remain In Pakistani Hands
London, Feb. 28.
For the first time since 1950 there will be a new British professional squash racket champion—but the title will remain in Pakistani hands.

Hashim Khan of Pakistan, who has almost made the title his own property, was forced to withdraw with a back injury when this year's championship opened at the Lansdowne Club today.
There was little likelihood, however, of the title leaving the Khan family. Hashim's brother, Azam, and his cousin, Roshan, were there along a new young star, nephew Mohibullah.

Making his English debut, this 17-year-old, the son of Saifullah Khan, thrashed Foster Ellis 9-4, 9-0, 9-3 to reveal a forceful game well in the family tradition.

Azam Khan also was in good form, crushing Bill Ashford 9-1, 9-1, 9-4, while brothers Jamal and Khan Din, now in Edinburgh, helped eliminate home opposition.
Pakistan players dominated the first round, for in addition to Azam Khan's and Mohibullah's victories, the other two matches were both won by Pakistanis—the brother, Jamal Din and Khan Din. Both had easy wins and will now meet in tomorrow's second round for a place in the semi-final.
Jamal Din (Edinburgh Sports Club) beat D. W. Harman (Edinburgh) 9-1, 9-0, 9-3.
Khan Din (Aberdeen) beat R. S. V. Horsey (Naval and Military) 9-2, 9-3, 9-4.
United, Greek and France.

have done a good gallop over the mile distance.

Permanent View should have something to say at the finish. Shillelagh is another pony which can be relied on to do well here.

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Soviet Union Team Chalk Up Their Fourth Victory

Moscow, Feb. 28.

The Soviet Union team, reigning title holders, today notched up their fourth consecutive win in four matches in the World Ice Hockey Championships in Moscow when they defeated Poland by 10 goals to one.

After their fourth win today, the Soviet team were leading the championships with 8 points and the impressive goal average of 59 to 3. The only other unbeaten team, Sweden, has no match today and has a goal average of 21 to 4 after three matches, totalling six points.

The only other match today was between Finland and Czechoslovakia. The latter beat Finland by three goals to one.

After the second and last match of the day, Czechoslovakia took third place, behind the Soviet Union and Finland with six points for four matches played, and a goal average of 27 to 3.

Finland was still running third with four points and a goal average of 11 to 20. Poland was lying fifth, Japan sixth, Austria seventh and East Germany eighth. — France-Press.

Cut this out and take it to the races tomorrow for your guidance

Probable Starters, Weights & Riders

Probable starters, weights and riders for tomorrow's Happy Valley race meeting are given below. This list is based on the most up-to-date information available. As an additional guide to form, the placings of the ponies in their last three starts will be found on the left hand side of their names.

12.00 noon Race 1 OLD COURSE HANDICAP: 1/4 Mile 110 Yards. Novices. Class 5.	040 Easy Slam (Metrevelt) 155 lbs.
01 Yin Chi (Rodney) 150 lbs.	044 Malader (Sofronoff) 154 lbs.
000 Aladdin (Kramopoff) 157 lbs.	007 May Blossom (Noodi) 151 lbs.
013 Fung Chi (Kramopoff) 157 lbs.	200 Not So Bad (Metrevelt) 149 lbs.
000 Teetield (Tokmokoff) 157 lbs.	220 So Big (Chew) 145 lbs.
000 Jip On (Chew) 155 lbs.	004 Advancement (Lum) 143 lbs.
020 Name Again (Rodney) 153 lbs.	000 Hiawatha (Rodney) 143 lbs.
030 Gladale (Metrevelt) 151 lbs.	000 Oat (Tokmokoff) 141 lbs.
400 Ever-alo (Tokmokoff) 150 lbs.	000 Escalator (A.S. Wong) 139 lbs.
024 Lawrence (Perebooff) 147 lbs.	000 Caravelle (Lum) 138 lbs.
020 Heilzapoppin (Leskov) 143 lbs.	Possible Acceptors: Tumbleweed, Dikloosh, October Morn, Man On.
000 Star-alo (Tokmokoff) 143 lbs.	4.00 p.m. Race 7 CHINESE CLUB CUP: 1 Mile. Class 1.
000 Easy Money (Sofronoff) 135 lbs.	--2 Night People (Tokmokoff) 150 lbs.
040 Hurry On (Lin) 135 lbs.	112 Snow-Damuel (A. S. Wong) 149 lbs.
Possible Acceptors: Five Gold, Midge, 3 lbs. allowance for "Maiden Noyle".	--1 Wingame (Sofronoff) 144 lbs.
12.30 p.m. Race 2 HOPEFUL STAKES (2nd Section): 1 Mile, 1957 Ponies.	220 Silver Wing (Chew) 143 lbs.
000 Courier (Belokopoff) 147 lbs.	223 Dignita (Kramopoff) 137 lbs.
000 Den Juan (Noodi) 147 lbs.	224 Raja (S. H. Wong) 137 lbs.
000 Gay Alstair (Kramopoff) 147 lbs.	000 Iyah-Hip (Rodney) 135 lbs.
000 Golden City (Sofronoff) 147 lbs.	200 Strathvohr (Rodney) 135 lbs.
000 Magic Eyes (Sofronoff) 147 lbs.	Possible Acceptors: Golden Bell, Shiraz, Corrie Peak, Golden Branch, Johnner, Charleroi.
000 New Delhi (Lum) 147 lbs.	4.30 p.m. Race 8 ENCOURAGEMENT HANDICAP: 1 1/4 Mile. Class 1.
000 No Surprise (Sofronoff) 147 lbs.	001 Pearl of Hongkong (Metrevelt) 150 lbs.
000 Ol Lok Princess (Lum) 147 lbs.	--3 Applause (Kramopoff) 150 lbs.
000 Sunrise (Lin) 147 lbs.	040 Blossom Time (Sofronoff) 150 lbs.
Possible Acceptors: Anna, Angel's Pearl, Newington, Presto, Welcome.	040 Sky Horse (Perebooff) 150 lbs.
1.00 p.m. Race 3 WESTERN HANDICAP (2nd Section): 6 Furlongs. Class 5.	000 Isis (Perebooff) 147 lbs.
010 Curtsey (Belokopoff) 150 lbs.	000 Barometer (Lum) 141 lbs.
010 Sperry (Noodi) 150 lbs.	000 Festival View (Lum) 140 lbs.
010 Tameplane (Sofronoff) 150 lbs.	004 Southern Cross (Metrevelt) 135 lbs.
040 Straight Flush (Metrevelt) 143 lbs.	Possible Acceptors: Dons Maria.
000 Fall-of-Spirit (Lum) 151 lbs.	4.50 p.m. Race 9 EASTERN HANDICAP (2nd Section): 1 Mile.
004 Armament (Sofronoff) 150 lbs.	032 Spinning Wheel (Kramopoff) 150 lbs.
032 Quirette (Metrevelt) 145 lbs.	--14 Strathvohr (Rodney) 150 lbs.
010 Valbridge (Rodney) 144 lbs.	002 Hiram C (Leskov) 147 lbs.
002 My Pal (Lum) 142 lbs.	001 Vendetta (Tokmokoff) 150 lbs.
--0 Ironside (Rodney) 141 lbs.	000 Possibility II (Perebooff) 151 lbs.
000 Sabrina (Tokmokoff) 140 lbs.	102 Pot O'Gold (Lum) 150 lbs.
000 Jubilation (Chung) 137 lbs.	030 Gallant Knight (Noodi) 144 lbs.
040 So Nice (Sofronoff) 135 lbs.	043 Santa Claus (Lin) 138 lbs.
Possible Acceptors: Fortuna, Diamond Queen, Conqueror.	000 Jesebel (A. S. Wong) 135 lbs.
1.30 p.m. Race 4 HOPEFUL STAKES (2nd Section): 1 Mile, 1957 Ponies.	Possible Acceptors: Ocean Sky.
-- As You Like It (Lum) 147 lbs.	5.30 p.m. Race 10 VICTORIA HANDICAP: 1 Mile. Class 1.
000 Brilliance (Leskov) 147 lbs.	101 Outlander (Lin) 150 lbs.
000 Cherry Pie (S.H. Wong) 147 lbs.	022 Fox Hunter (Noodi) 157 lbs.
000 Edinburgh (Metrevelt) 147 lbs.	000 Crackerjack (Belokopoff) 150 lbs.
000 Golden Nugget (Kramopoff) 147 lbs.	000 Distant Sky (Lin) 153 lbs.
000 Jake (Perebooff) 147 lbs.	000 Fieldmaster (Shu) 150 lbs.
000 Million Bonus (Sofronoff) 147 lbs.	--23 Giga (Kramopoff) 150 lbs.
000 Polar Sky (Lin) 147 lbs.	000 Glory (S. H. Wong) 150 lbs.
000 Victoria Peak (Rodney) 147 lbs.	021 Sea Raider (Sofronoff) 150 lbs.
-- Viewpoint (Tokmokoff) 147 lbs.	--02 Barrington (Chew) 145 lbs.
000 Wing Hang (Sofronoff) 147 lbs.	231 Firestone (Metrevelt) 145 lbs.
Possible Acceptors: Conqueror, Iron Wing, Scarlet, Tat Ping Sham.	--00 Ana Cook (Lum) 144 lbs.
3.00 p.m. Race 5 HOPEFUL STAKES (3rd Section): 1 Mile, 1957 Ponies.	000 Good Condition (Lum) 140 lbs.
000 Diamond Li (Lum) 147 lbs.	000 Violet Ray (Metrevelt) 141 lbs.
000 Glamour Girl (Lum) 147 lbs.	000 Raytheon (A. S. Wong) 140 lbs.
000 Krazy Kiam (Tokmokoff) 147 lbs.	000 Citrus (Lum) 138 lbs.
000 Madam Fortune (Lin) 147 lbs.	000 Spatreak (Chew) 137 lbs.
000 Milky Way (Chew) 147 lbs.	400 Every Day (Kramopoff) 137 lbs.
000 Ngan Loong (Chung) 147 lbs.	--44 Winning Touch (S. H. Wong) 135 lbs.
000 Permanent View (Lum) 147 lbs.	Possible Acceptors: Anna, Belinda, Precious Gem.
000 Shillelagh (Metrevelt) 147 lbs.	Jockey Allowance to be claimed.
-- Whirlaway (Kramopoff) 147 lbs.	
Possible Acceptors: Adam Diamond, Mottisell, Temptation.	
3.30 p.m. Race 6 WESTERN HANDICAP (2nd Section): 1 Mile.	
001 Cornhill (Metrevelt) 150 lbs.	
022 Blondie (Sofronoff) 150 lbs.	

THE GAMBOLS



Barry Appleby



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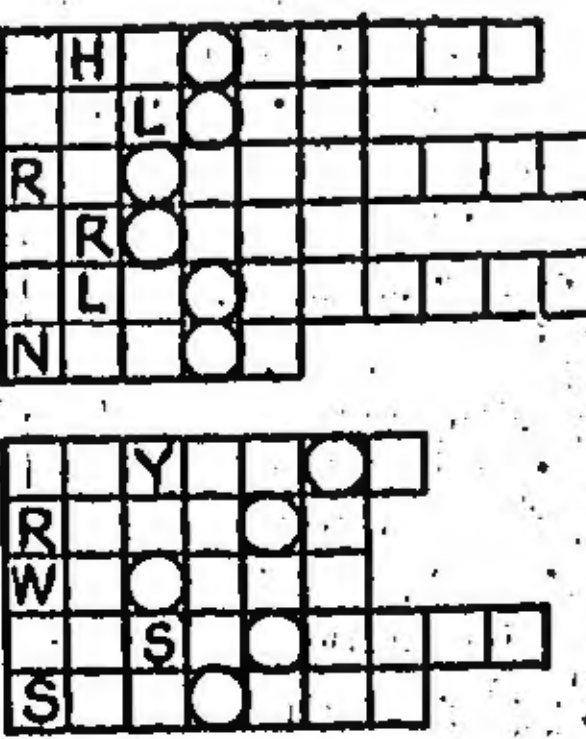


WHEN WILL THIS ONE-MAN TRACK BAND STOP PLAYING?

His First Hole-In-One After 25 Years Of Golf

NAMESAKES

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?



Solution on Page 8

- 1 Scientific subject
- 2 European state
- 3 From a radiator
- 4 La Belle
- 5 Simple
- 6 This prize
- 7 Gives medicine
- 8 Rare substance
- 9 European city
- 10 Infirmary
- 11 Knowledge

SPORTS ROUND-UP

JOE ERSKINE WANTS ANOTHER CRACK AT NINO VALDES

Week-End Cricket Teams

Hall, M. S. Watts, R. H. Hughes,
P. Mahon.

Turpin Will Now Meet Howard

EYMCA Open Athletic Meet

Turpin Will Now Meet Howard On April 16

postponed until next Monday, March 3, but Turpin has agreed to withdraw because his right hand injured in training has not mended in time. It is now planned to stage the fight on April 10—China Mail Special.

Sports Diary

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Ordinary Yearly General
Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that the Ordinary
Yearly General Meeting of
the Shareholders of the Cor-
poration will be held at the
Head Office of the Corporation,
1, Queen's Road Central
Hong Kong, on Friday, the
16th day of March, 1957, at
Noon for the purpose of re-
ceiving and considering the
reports of the Directors and
of the Auditors and the Profit
and Loss Account and Balance
Sheet for the year ended 31st
December, 1956, and for the
election of Directors and the
appointment of Auditors.

THE REGISTER OF
SHARES of the Corporation
will be closed from Friday,
the 1st day of March to
Friday, the 15th day of
March, 1957, (both days
inclusive) during which
period no transfer of shares
can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
MICHAEL W. TURNER,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong,
11th January, 1957.

NOTICE
THE BANK OF EAST ASIA,
LIMITED
Thirty - Eighth Ordinary
Yearly General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that
the Ordinary Yearly General
Meeting of the Shareholders
of the Bank will be held at
the Head Office of the Bank,
10, Des Voeux Road, Central,
Hong Kong, on Saturday, the
9th day of March, 1957, at
2.30 p.m. for the purpose
of receiving and considering
the Reports of the Directors
and of the Auditors and the Profit
and Loss Account and Balance
Sheet for the year ended
31st December, 1956, and
for the election of Directors
and the appointment of
Auditors.

The Register of Shares of
the Bank will be closed from
Saturday, 2nd March, 1957 to
Saturday, 9th March, 1957
(both days inclusive) during
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shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 11th Feb. 1957.

PLEASANT AUSTRALIAN VALLEY MAY BECOME 'NEW RUHR'

Melbourne, Feb. 28.

Situated on top of the greatest single
deposit of brown coal in the world, a
pleasant Australian valley, 90 miles east of
Melbourne, is beginning to substantiate its
boosters' boasts that one day, it would
become an Australian Ruhr.

Australians borrowed a
German technique to bring
about the second phase of the
transformation.
The Duke of Edinburgh, only
a few weeks ago, brought it to
life when he opened the Lurgi
brown coal gasification plant at
Morwell. In the centre of the
Latrobe Valley, for the Gas and
Fuel Corporation of Victoria.

When the Morwell plant is
running to capacity, it will be
producing every year:

1. 60,000 million cubic feet
of gas;
2. 20,000,000 gallons of
petrol;
3. 22,000,000 gallons of
diesel and fuel oil;
4. 13,000,000 gallons of
brown coal tar;
5. 5,000,000 gallons of high
octane petrol;
6. 1,500,000 gallons of in-
dustrial solvents.

Tucked Away
And, according to statistics
tucked away in government
files, as well as in the
brochures of many business
concerns, this will only nibble
at the edges of the deposit. The
brown coal reserves already
surveyed and proved amount
to more than 20,000 million
tons, or enough fuel potentially
to meet the requirements of the
present population of Australia
for 1,000 years.

The Latrobe Valley still
largely given over to tranquilly
prosperous pastoral pursuits,
lies on top of this coal, a seam
800 feet thick. One hundred
miles east of the coalfield, at
Nowa Nowa, there is an exten-
sive deposit of iron ore, once
thought too low grade to be
commercially exploitable but
now being inspected with the
eyes of more modern techniques.
There are also extensive
deposits of limestone in the
neighbourhood.
The catalyst which was able
to fuse these elements together
into the steel and concrete fact
of a new Ruhr has been
developed by white-coated men
of science. A team of
Melbourne University research
workers, directed by Professor
H.K. Warner, has found a way
to make high-grade metallurgi-
cal coke from the Latrobe
Valley's brown coal.
Implications of this are
almost limitless for the valley.
If the laboratory techniques
can be repeated in the small
experimental plant now being
built near the Lurgi retorts at
Morwell, the already big in-
dustrial prospects of the valley
will be immensely increased.

Geological Accident
Every great industrial nation
of today has been founded on
the geological accident of the
close proximity of coaling coal
and iron ore. Today it seems
only a matter of time before
talk of "another Ruhr" may be
justified.

Only three decades ago, the
valley was given over solely to
pasture and timber. Then the
State Electricity Commission of
Victoria made bold industrial
gamble, and built a smoke-
belching, giant power station at
Yallourn, near Morwell.
This proved that electricity
could be generated cheaply on
the brown coal field and carried
to Melbourne, as the Lurgi gas
is being carried today. It also
proved that briquettes, manu-
factured economically from the
brown coal, could compete
with the excellent anthracite
coal from other parts of
Australia.

Then the valley slumbered for
two decades apart from the
humming power station and the
giant machinery in the open
cut brown coal mine. When
World War II ended, Morwell,
called by some the Australian
Essen of the future, was a

Queensland Importing Petrol

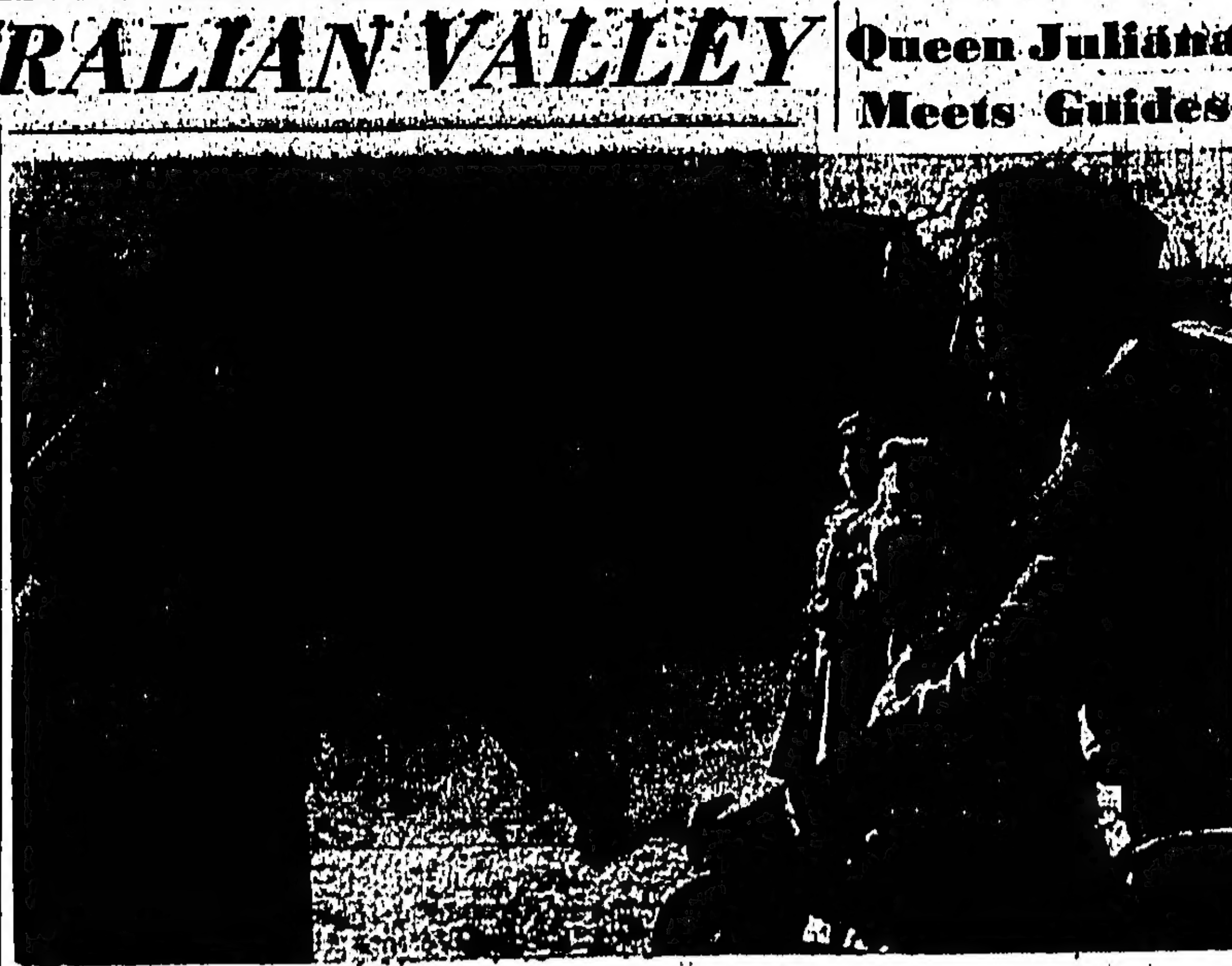
Brisbane, Feb. 28.
Queensland will form a
special public company to
handle petrol imports from
Formosa, an official statement
said today.
The Government is sponsoring
these imports in a bid to break
the ban imposed by eight major
oil companies who will not send
standard-grade fuel to Queens-
land until they obtain a half-
penny per gallon price increase.
Mr. Raymond Gaylor, an
American oil broker who has
assisted in the negotiations here,
said the first shipment of petrol
from Formosa—5,500,000 gallons
—would arrive in Queensland
before March 2.

little town of 3,000
people.
Today, 45,000 pioneers of the
industrial age are crowded
into the town, spilling out into
a rush of cottages and hostels
spread across the former pasture
land surrounding the town.
Long lines of diesel-powered
trains haul away huge loads of
briquettes to the city, returning
loaded with building materials,
steel and goods for the valley.

Traditional
The State is housing the
workers in the traditional
Australian pattern—a cottage
on a quarter of an acre of
ground, which the householders
can turn into a garden, cultivate,
or turn over to weeds, as they
wish. Large numbers of single
men, many of them immigrants,
are housed for the time being
in barracks-like hostels.

Morwell is taking its rush of
prosperity calmly, although
the business area on its
rare sales changing hands at
£4500 (£400 sterling) a foot.
Many of the shops have had
a chromium plate, glass and tile
face-lift. A drive-in theatre, a
new picture theatre and an
espresso bar of two have sprung
up.

Potentialities
But there is no evident desire
to live riotously. Most of the
immigrants, including many
from the Ruhr itself, who are
laying the foundations for this
new Ruhr, have set a pattern of
industriousness and serious-
mindedness. Many of them
are saving to help support
families in Europe, or bring
them to Australia, or for a
stake in the future.
Both the immigrants and the
old residents are well aware of
their region's potentialities.—
China Mail Special.



Queen Juliana
Meets Guides

Finn Party Leaves Government

Helsinki, Feb. 28.
The parliamentary group of
the Finnish Agrarian Party
decided tonight to quit the
present coalition made up of Social
Democrats and Agrarians.

It was expected that the
Finnish Premier, Karl August
Fagerholm, would hand in his
resignation to President Urho
Kekkonen as a result of the
Cabinet crisis.

The Agrarians decided to quit
the Government after Premier
Fagerholm decided in principle
to reduce subsidies on dairy
products, thus saving some four
million marks a year. The
move was to be made in an at-
tempt to halt the mounting in-
flation of the Finnish economy.
The Agrarian Party, supported
by the farmers, refused to go
along with the proposal, and
suggested that the price of
margarine be increased, while
the price of milk would remain
at its present level.—France-
Presse.

Queen Juliana of the
Netherlands recently attended
the Patten section of the
Netherlands Girl Guides on
the occasion of the centenary
of the birth of Lord Baden-
Powell, founder of the Boy
Scout and Girl Guide move-
ment. The Queen, dressed in
guide's uniform, is pictured
here greeting a crippled girl
guide, who, like all the other
guides, at the ceremony, re-
ceived a cake from the royal
guest.—Express Photo.

MOLLET AT UN HEADQUARTERS

United Nations, Feb. 28.
French Premier Guy Mollet
today visited the United Na-
tions headquarters in New
York.
Accompanied by the French
Foreign Minister, Christian
Famou, Mollet immediately
called on Prince Wan Wai-
thang, President of the
UN General Assembly.—
France-Press.

Paris, Feb. 28.
Negotiations for extending the
European Payment Union, clear-
ing-house for European trade,
will start in Paris in the first
two weeks of March, it was
learned here today.—China Mail
Special.

Self-Government For Trust Territories AUSTRALIA AGAINST TIME LIMIT

Canberra, Feb. 28.
The Australian Government
announced today that it would
not accept any target date to
provide self-government for New
Guinea and Nauru Island in the
Pacific which it administers
under United Nations trust-
ship.

The announcement said the
United Nations General Assem-
bly's decision against setting a
time limit for self-government
in the trust territories was
vigorously supported by the en-
tire Cabinet.
Australian External Affairs
Minister, Richard Casey, said
Australian objection to fixing
dates had "nothing to do with
the principle of self-government
for the trust peoples."—France-
Presse.

OVER-EATING IS UNDERMINING DANES' HEALTH

Copenhagen, Feb. 28.

Over-eating is steadily undermining the health
and well-being of thousands of Danes, according
to Danish doctors.

The average Dane's present
rich diet, one food expert here
recently declared, makes him
"fat, toothless, round-
shouldered, flat-footed and con-
stipated." No one, he added,
would recognise the Dane of
today as a descendant of the
hardy Vikings.
Though late letters, declaring
that the Vikings' fish diet, pro-
duced a race of weak-chested,
sparsely built men poured into
the papers after this pronoun-
ment, many Danes tacitly agree
that they could well learn a
lesson from the Spartan eating
habits of their ancestors.

Calory In-Take

Today, the average daily
calory in-take per inhabitant in
Denmark is 3,800, which, after
Ireland with 3,485, is the
highest figure in the world.
England, for example, the
average calory in-take is 3,239
calories per head per day.

Doctors stress, however, that
so far as Danes are concerned,
these figures do not take into
account all the appetising little
"extras," such as cream buns
and sweets, which fill the gaps
between meals in Denmark.
Most Danish families start
the day with porridge followed
by coffee and bread and butter.
Lunch generally consists of the
traditional Danish "smørrør-
brod" (open sandwich), a rich
concoction of butter, mayonnaise
sauce, salad and a slice of meat
or fish, washed down with
Danish beer.
Supper brings hot meat or
fish dishes served with the rich
sauces for which Danish cooks
are famous. All fried foods are
done in butter or margarine.

'Nightcap'

In some families, a further
round of smørrørbrod is served
as a "nightcap."
Danish businessmen find it
more difficult than their
colleagues in most other
countries to keep a trim
waistline. Official lunches

usually begin with smørrør-
brod, a Swedish national dish
featuring a varied collection of
rich hors d'oeuvres, which are
eaten with bread and butter.
Then follow three or four hot
courses, beginning with snaps,
the national vodka-like
beverage, and beer, the meal
ends with coffee, cognac and
occasionally cakes.

During the past year, calory
tables have appeared in the
Danish newspapers with in-
creasing frequency and
numerous slimming diets have
filled the women's pages. One
day stout women may be
advised to live entirely on milk
diet, while the next post-war
is advertised as the sole means
of getting rid of surplus fat.
One extreme suggestion was a
diet of chocolate which, it was
claimed, would remove the
main obstacle to all rapid
slimming—appetite.

Ceaseless Requests

Ceaseless requests for a sound-
slimming formula eventually
induced the Copenhagen House-
wives' Association to start a
special correspondence course
in slimming. Under the slogan
"Become Slim and Healthy in
100 Days," pupils are supplied
with special diet books telling
them how to restrict their
in-take to between 1,200
calories and 1,800 calories a day.
Every ten days, a new ten-day
food plan is sent out to those
taking the course and they are
encouraged to write to the
Association about any problems
which they may have.

No guarantee is given that
the course will have the desired
effect. But it costs only 35
Danish Crowns (slightly less
than £2), so many think it
worth trying.
Its organisers say that the
response to date—has been
running for a year now—has
been "very encouraging".
Hundreds of Danes have
come in from as far afield as
Iceland and the Faroe Islands.
While the majority of the
would-be "slimmers" are
women, there are also some
men.

Food experts here do not
believe, however, that any
thorough reformation can be
achieved in the eating habits of
adult Danes. Instead, they pin
their hopes on the children, who
are now receiving special
lectures on food at school. These
are organised by the State
Household Council and based
on a pamphlet outlining "The Six
Pillars of Eating."

Illustrated

These pillars are: fruit, green
vegetables and salads, milk,
meat, butter and meat or fish.
School children are told that
their daily diet should include
something from each of these
groups. The lectures are
illustrated by charts showing
the daily calory in-take of two
small boys—Per, who, with a
normal diet, takes only three or
four of the basic pillars of
eating, and Poul, who by care-
fully planning his diet is able
to include all six.
The children are reported to
take a "serious, even
scientific interest in their food"
following these lectures. But
their teachers admit that to
get them to eat fewer sweets
and buns remains difficult.—
China Mail Special.

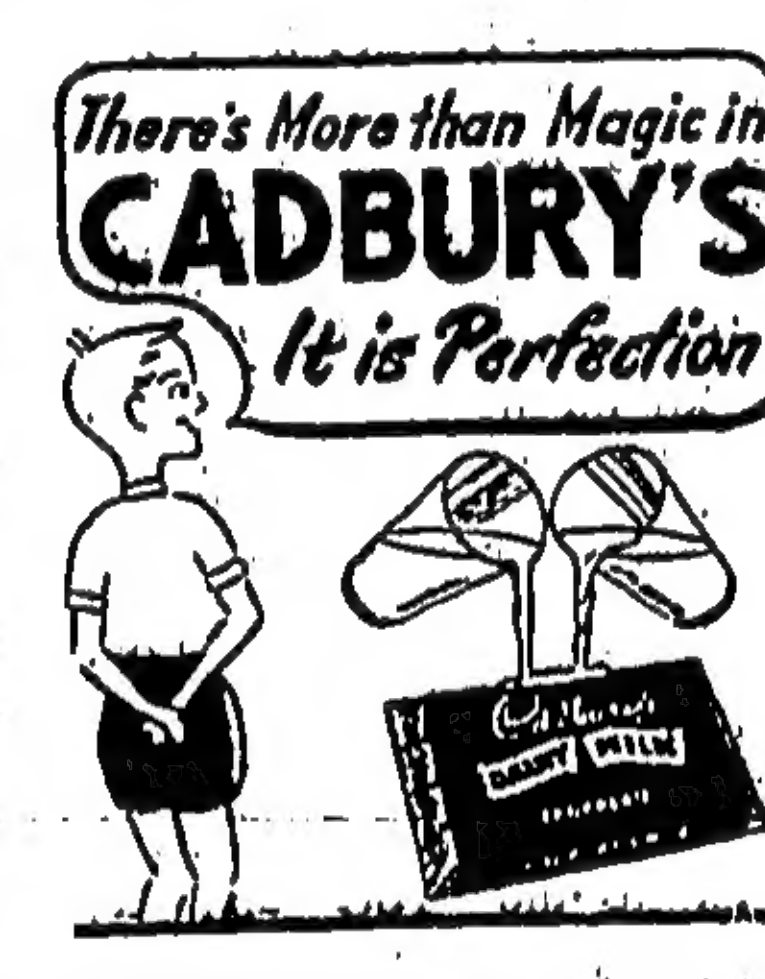
Manual Workers' Wages Reach New Peak

London, Feb. 28.

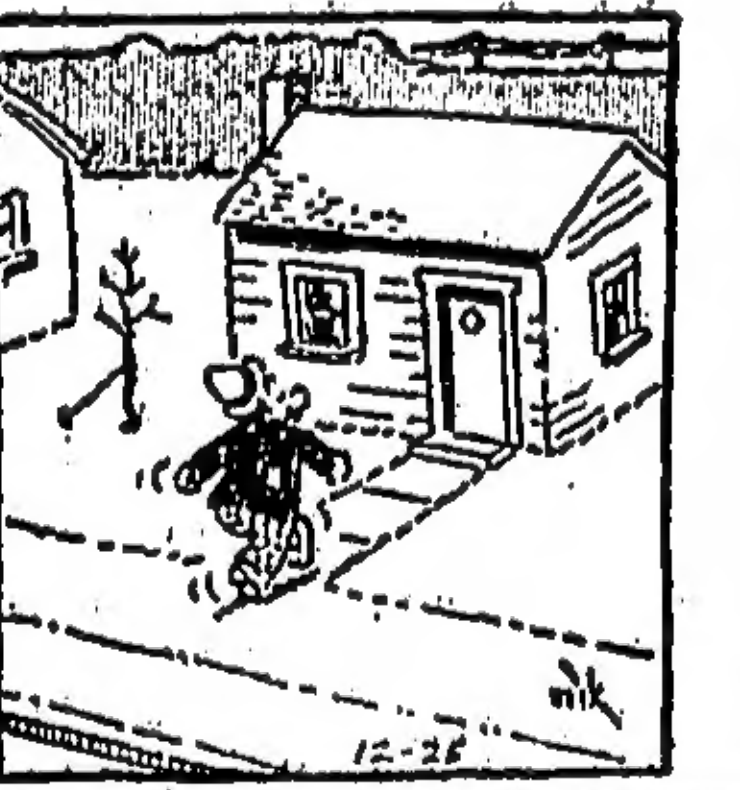
The average weekly earn-
ings of British manual
workers of all ages and both
sexes has reached the peak
figure of 200 shillings and
ninepence, according to a
Ministry of Labour survey
published today.
The survey covers the last
pay week in October and in-
cluded the wages of seven mil-
lion manual workers in all Brit-
ain's manufacturing industries
and some non-manufacturing
enterprises.

The average weekly wage of
all the workers covered in-
cluded bonuses and overtime
and was three shillings, one
penny and half per cent higher,
than the average the previous
April.
The average wages shown by
the survey for the various
classes of workers were: Men
(21 and over) 238 shillings a
week; women (18 and over)
123 shillings and two pence;
youths and boys 102 shillings
and four pence; girls 81 shillings
and four pence.
Men worked an average of
48.5 hours a week; women 41.5;
youths and boys 44.9, and girls
42.6.—China Mail Special.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN



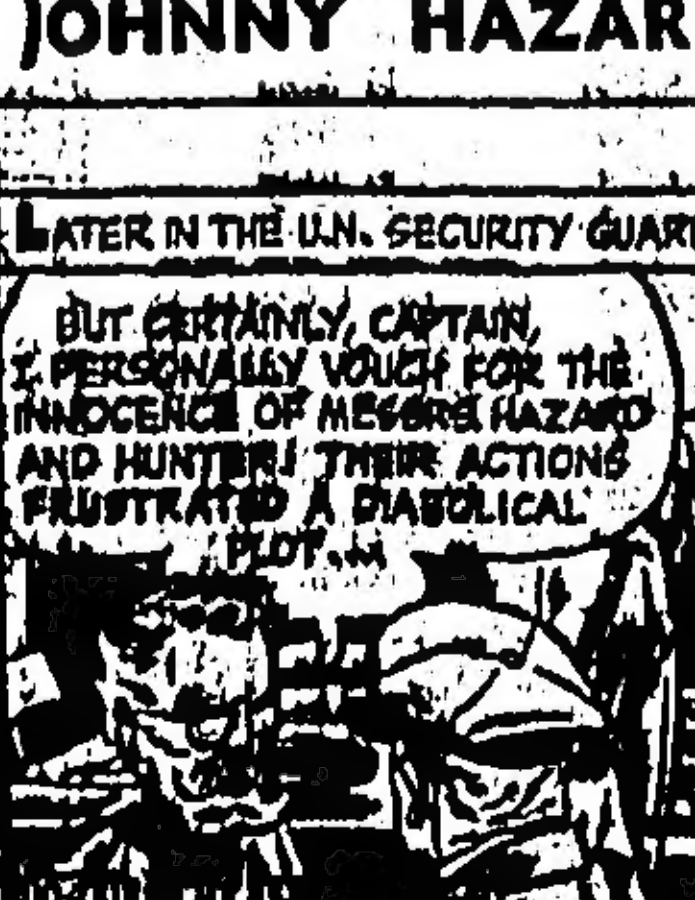
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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

MARKET TURNS SUDDENLY DULL

Turnover Falls Sharply
PRICES DECLINE

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Demand on the Stock Exchange this week collapsed suddenly and mysteriously and prices closed fractionally lower on the week.

Ice House Street men could give no clear reason for this week's dullness. "It has been a feature of the London and New York Stock Exchanges, as well," one leading broker said. "But apart from this I am at a loss to explain it."

Share turnover slipped from more than \$5.5 million last week to just over \$3 million.

This week nine shares were lower, ten were steady and five were higher. The previous week's tally was eleven higher, eight lower and five steady.

Seven xd

Several shares are quoted ex dividend this week. They include the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Star Ferry, HK Electric, HK Telephone, Kwong Sang Hong, Vibro Piling and Amalgamated Rubber.

Three companies have announced dividends: Mercantile Bank, a 7 pc distribution, making 14 pc for the year; Union Waterworks, 1.70 on old shares and 85 cents on new, and China Provident, 11.

Union Waterworks's dividend compares with \$1.80 last year, but on March 28 last, the company made a bonus issue of one for two, raising issued capital from 142,800 to 214,200 shares. With the payment on the new shares, distribution will therefore be up from \$257,148 to \$303,577.

China Provident's dividend is unchanged at \$1 and distribution will amount to \$1,297,283. The company reveals that profit for the year is \$1,512,022, which is slightly below last year's figure.

There is no outstanding feature on the market this week. Most of the movements are fractional; if anything the utility sector appears to be the heaviest loser.

Electric and China Light may however do better on today's news that the surcharge is not to be altered.

Utilities Drift

Here is an authoritative Ice House Street account of the market this week:

noted that a number of shares are now quoted ex dividend. Utilities were inclined to drift fractionally lower for no apparent reason other than general lack of interest.

Docks, Hotels, Dairies and Watsons maintained their recent steadiness and elsewhere there were few changes.

Balance Sheets

I have received two company reports this week—Humphreys and Hongkong Lands.

The Chairman of Humphreys, Mr. E. R. Childe, discloses that profit for 1956 was \$1,044,248, an increase of \$389,588 on 1955. To this figure is added \$101,410 brought forward from 1955 and \$3,990,244 from the sale of the company's Kowloon properties (last July), making the sum of \$5,141,922 available for appropriation.

The major part of the proceeds of the sale of the Kowloon properties is carried to capital reserve, Mr. Childe stated.

Hongkong Land Investment discloses a profit of \$8,064,100 for the year against \$7,017,017 last year.

Here is a diary of the market this week:

Market Diary

Friday: Steady undertone. T/O: \$880,000.
Monday: Dull and featureless. T/O: \$610,000.
Tuesday: Lacked interest. T/O: \$703,000.
Wednesday: Quiet conditions. T/O: \$371,000.
Thursday: Quiet. T/O: \$340,000.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local market at the following rates: U.S. dollar (per \$1) 0.14
Sterling notes (per £1) 16.10
Australian notes (per £1) 12.64
Indonesian rupiah (per 100) 16.50
Burmese kyats (per 100) 26.70
Singapore (Straits) 1.00

★ The Share Market At A Glance ★

	Jan 24	Feb 7	Feb 14	Feb 21	Feb 28	Up or Down
HK Bank	1015	1000b	1010b	1015	1005xd	steady
Lombard	37 1/4	38 1/4	37 1/4	38 1/4	38 1/4	steady
Union	95 1/4	95 1/4	94 1/4	94 1/4	93 1/4	down
Wheelock	97 1/2	97 1/2	102	100 1/2	100 1/2	steady
HK Wharf	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	47 1/2	48 1/2	down
HK Docks	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	steady
Provident	13.20	13.40m	13.40	13.20	13.20	steady
HK Hotels	15	15.20	15.20	15.20	15.20	down
HK Lands	62	61	63 1/2	64 1/2	64	down
HK Realty	1.325b	1.40b	1.425	1.425	1.40m	down
HK Ferry	23.20	23.20	23.20	23.20	23.20	down
Yau Ma Tei	142	142	142	142m	142m	down
Ch. Light	23.30	23.10	22.90	23	23.20	down
Electric	31	31 1/4	31	31 1/4	30 1/2	down
HK Telephone	24.30	24.50	25.40	25.70	23.40xd	down
G.I. Cement	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	down
Diary Farm	15.40	15.90	15.90	16.10	16.20	down
A.S. Watson	13.70b	13.70b	13.70b	13.70b	13.70b	steady
Yangtze	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	steady
Alfred	4.85m	4.85m	4.85m	4.80	4.85m	steady
HK & FE Inv	9.70b	9.70b	9.70b	9.75m	9.75b	steady
Textile Corp	4.40m	4.70	4.70	4.70	4.70	steady
Nanyang	7.60b	8.35	8.40	8.25	8.10m	down

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$340,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares Buyers Sellers Sales

HK Bank 1570

East Asia 244

INSURANCES 123 940 30 9 633

SHIPPING 127 1/2 3000 1/2 130

Wheelock 0.63 0.95 1000 0.62

DOCKS, ETC. 100

K. Wharf 100

Prov. (O) 1320 13.40 26 1/2 13.30

LAND, ETC. 151 15.00 1000 15.00

HK Hotel 151 15.00 1000 15.00

Shal Land 100 100 100 100

Humphreys 111 1000 100 100

UTILITIES 22.00 23.30 500 23

Star Ferry 138 100

Yau Ma Tei 23 23.20 6000 23.20

Ch. Light 1000 100 3000 100

Electric, KD 30 30 3000 30

Telephone 23.00 24 3000 24

INDUSTRIALS 23.00 24 3000 24

Cement, KD 32 1/2

Hope 12.00

STONES, ETC. 10.10 10.20 800 10.20

Diary 14 14.30 200 14.20

Watson 14 14.30 200 14.20

COTTONS 4.75 4.80

Textiles 4.75 4.80

Hongkong 4.75 4.80

New York Cotton Futures Gain WORLD PRICES

New York, Feb. 28.

Cotton futures today opened steady and managed to show small gains through most of the session.

Closing prices ruled up 2 to 9 points compared with opening gains of 3 to 17 points. New Orleans closed up 2 to 7 points.

Relatively quiet dealings featured March contract adjustments, along with a routine month-end mill demand in nearby deliveries.

New crop months were relatively neglected while traders awaited further soft bank, loan or other new incentives.

March contracts opened on a show of strength. In absence of delivery notices, and under trade buying, the spot month rose 85 cents a bale at the start, then drifted back irregularly to give up about half of the rise.

The Commodity Credit Corporation reported entries for the week ended Feb. 22 totalled 33,683 bales against withdrawals of 37,377 bales, marking the second week redemptions exceeded entries the net stock of 1956 crop cotton under loan totalled 4,103,400 bales.

The mid-February parity price for cotton was reported at 36.81 cents, up 25 points from January and compared with 34.72 cents in mid-Feb. last year.

Month	Volume	Open Interest
Mar.	4,000	43,000
May	11,000	30,000
July	4,800	14,000
Oct.	7,100	10,000
Dec.	6,500	14,000
Jan.	2,000	60,100
May	4,000	65,000
July	2,600	33,700
Total	49,200	1,011,000 bales.

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	March	May	July	October	December	January
35.35	35.10	35.10	35.10	35.10	35.10	35.10
35.10	35.10	35.10	35.10	35.10	35.10	35.10
35.10	35.10	35.10	35.10	35.10	35.10	35.10
35.10	35.10	35.10	35.10	35.10	35.10	35.10
35.10	35.10	35.10	35.10	35.10	35.10	35.10
35.10	35.10	35.10	35.10	35.10	35.10	35.10

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	March	May	July	October	December	January
34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00
34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00
34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00
34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00
34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00
34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00

LIVERPOOL

Futures closings, in pence per lb, were as follows:

Old contract	Mar./Apr.	May/June	July/Aug.	Oct./Nov.	Dec./Jan.	New contract
23.90	23.90	23.90	23.90	23.90	23.90	23.90
23.90	23.90	23.90	23.90	23.90	23.90	23.90
23.90	23.90	23.90	23.90	23.90	23.90	23.90
23.90	23.90	23.90	23.90	23.90	23.90	23.90
23.90	23.90	23.90	23.90	23.90	23.90	23.90
23.90	23.90	23.90	23.90	23.90	23.90	23.90

SAO PAULO

Cotton futures closings, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

March	May	July	October	December
unquoted	unquoted	unquoted	unquoted	unquoted
unquoted	unquoted	unquoted	unquoted	unquoted
unquoted	unquoted	unquoted	unquoted	unquoted
unquoted	unquoted	unquoted	unquoted	unquoted
unquoted	unquoted	unquoted	unquoted	unquoted
unquoted	unquoted	unquoted	unquoted	unquoted

In the United States, the average price of one-inch cotton at 14 designated spot markets was 23.84 cents. Sales totalled 23,828 bales.—United Press.

WALL STREET
EVENING
UP AT CLOSE

Stock market attention continued to centre on individual stocks in special situations while the main list moved narrowly and idly.

New York, Feb. 28.

There was a general evening up late in the day as the time approached for announcement of Israel's decision on withdrawal of troops from Arab territory. It is felt generally that traders have been holding back pending clarification of the Middle East situation.

Industrials closed with a loss of 1.64 points to 464.62 in their average, with a two-point drop in United Aircraft weighing heaviest here. Rails finished unchanged at 141.04 and utilities off 0.13 at 70.40.

7500 shares for the session totalled 1,820,000 shares, just matching Wednesday.

Most Active

One of the most active issues was Republic Aviation which moved up sharply in response to an Air Force announcement of plans to order mass production of its new F-105 fighter-bomber. It rose 4 points on a 16,500 share opening and held 3 1/2 of the gain, closing at \$28 1/2 in third place on the active list.

Motors were easier, domestic oils narrowly mixed. Rails had mostly small changes either way.

Of a total 1,098 issues traded, 402 were higher, 431 lower 263 unchanged with 3 at new highs, 19 at new lows.

NY Stock Exchange bond volume was \$3,335,000. American Stock Exchange volume was 680,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 Industrials 464.62

20 Rails 141.04

15 Utilities 70.40

65 Stocks 104.84

40 Bonds 157.13

Cotton futures price index 157.13

Closing Prices

Alden Inc. Acy. 17 1/2

Allied Chemicals 87 1/2

Allegheny 28 1/2

Allegheny 28 1/2

American Airlines 19 1/2

American Cyanamide Co. 70 1/2

Am. & Foreign Power 10 1/2

American Metal 33 1/2

American Smelting 52 1/2

Am. Sugar Ref. 17 1/2

American Tel. & Tel. 14 1/2

American Tob. 28 1/2

Armstrong 19 1/2

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

TOURIST ATTRACTION

THERE are things about the English that foreigners find difficult to understand. Our attitude to plumbing is one; another is our simple honesty. News-vendors leave money and papers on their stands and go to their luncheon. And when they return they expect to find their stock-in-trade down and their takings up in exact and correct proportion. And generally they do.

But sometimes visitors from overseas, seeing the money left about, assume no one wants it, and help themselves, as Shastri did.

LESSONS

SHASTRI was born in Meerut. He is 21, and he came to London to be a cook. He brought with him the magic that goes into curries, and not content with his native art, he went to night-school to learn about the mysteries of English cooking.

On his way to night-school the other evening Shastri was seen to steal 1s. from a news-vendor's stall in the Strand.

'NO SUCH THING'

He protested at Bow Street that he had done no such thing. "I put a shilling down," he said, "and took a paper and

four pennies." The evidence of two policemen was against him. "The inference from what you were seen to do is irresistible," said Sir Laurence Durno. "If you want to stay in this country, this had better be the last time you do anything like this. Pay a fine of £3."

Shastri shook his head and went away. A Scandinavian visitor was shown into the dock. He pleaded guilty to taking 2s. from the same news-stand. "It's a wonder there's ever anything left to take," Sir Laurence observed, and ordered all the money to be restored to the news-vendor whose stand ranged so high as a tourist attraction.

Russia Has General, 60 Experts In Syria

Ottawa, Feb. 28. A Soviet general and 60 other Russian military experts are now working as instructors and advisers in the Syrian armed forces, the Canadian press news agency said today.

The agency, quoting reliable diplomatic sources here, said 20 more Soviet experts would be sent to Syria in the next few weeks and some of these would actually assume command of some units of the Syrian Navy, Army and Air Force during their training periods.

The sources said these figures, gathered by intelligence experts, revealed accurately for the first time the extent of Soviet penetration in the Middle East apart from Egypt.

JORDAN TOO

It was already known that the Soviet Union was sending technicians to Egypt as well as arms.

It was also said here that Russia would supply arms indirectly to Jordan. Syria, Egypt and Saudi Arabia have agreed to pay Jordan the £12 million annual subsidy Jordan lost when it ended its pact with Britain.

The sources said that while Egypt and Saudi Arabia would probably make their share of the payment in money, Syria would make its share in armaments which it has received from Russia, the Canadian press report added.

The same informants said Syria had agreed to establish intelligence co-operation to keep themselves informed on the disposition of Russian military forces in the Middle East.—Reuter.

Illegal Car Hirers Caught

Cheung Yuk-fat, of 12 Southwall Road, first floor, was this morning fined \$500 or four months when he was found guilty by Mr. J. T. Morris at Kowloon Court of driving a private car for the purpose of hire and driving without third party insurance.

A second defendant, Cheng Tak, of 20 Cameron Road, first floor, was found guilty of aiding and abetting and was fined \$500 or four months.

Both defendants were disqualified from driving for 12 months.

First defendant was represented by Mr. Ives of Peter Mo and Company.

OUTSIDE YMCA

Inspector Thomas Edward Newton stated that on the morning of the January 11 at Whitfield Barracks, he handed to a L/Cpl Pillow a ten dollar note bearing the number SH430004. Later the same day, outside the YMCA, Salisbury Road, he saw a stationary private car. There were four men in it two European in the rear and two Chinese in the front. Inspector Newton identified the first defendant as being the driver and the second defendant as being the other Chinese. The latter was at that time about to alight.

Inspector Newton approached the car and searched the defendant, Cheung Tak, and found the ten dollar note which he had previously given to L/Cpl Pillow. He saw a stationary private car. There were four men in it two European in the rear and two Chinese in the front. Inspector Newton identified the first defendant as being the driver and the second defendant as being the other Chinese. The latter was at that time about to alight.

L/Cpl Barry John Pillow of the Royal Military Police, stationed at Whitfield Barracks, told the Court that he had been handed a \$10 note by the Inspector Newton. The number of the note was SH430004. He stated that on January 11, he came off the Jordan Road ferry accompanied by L/Cpl Ellsworth of the same unit. They were in civilian clothes. While waiting on the pavement, they were approached by a Chinese who inquired if they were waiting transport. L/Cpl Pillow identified this man as being the defendant Cheung Tak.

OFFER MADE

The defendant offered to convey them to the YMCA for \$3. L/Cpl Pillow and his companion agreed and they followed the accused to a black Consul. Witness said that he saw the defendant, Cheung Yuk-fat, sitting behind the driving wheel. When they reached the YMCA, he handed the 10 note which he had been given to him by Inspector Newton to Cheung Tak, who returned him one \$5 note and two \$1 notes. At that moment, Inspector Newton appeared and recovered the \$10 note. Insurance policy for the vehicle did not cover its use by any person for public hire.

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First, third and fourth appellants are represented by Mr. Terence Shurlock, and Mr. Hu Hing-lek appears for the second appellant, both on the instructions of Messrs Peter Mo and Company.

Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, appears for the Crown (respondents), assisted by W. B. Scragg, Superintendent of Police.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Isn't my new car a cool job? We'll go for a long ride as soon as I save enough to buy a motor!"

THE ERNST MURDER APPEAL CONTINUES

Legal arguments on intent and degree of violence were put forward by Senior Crown Counsel, Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, this morning at the continued hearing of the appeal by four men convicted of the murder of Mrs. Ursula Ernst, wife of a Chancellor of the Swiss Consulate.

The appeal is being heard by the Full Court comprising the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice M. J. Hogan, and Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice J. R. Gregg.

Mrs. Ernst died of burns two days after the taxi in which she and her husband were travelling was overturned and set on fire by a mob at the junction of Taiipo Road and Castle Peak Road on the afternoon of October 11 last year.

Four of five men were convicted by a jury and sentenced to death by Mr. Justice Scholes on January 21. The other man was found not guilty of murder and discharged.

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COMMON INTENT

Mr. Blair-Kerr said that if there was a common intent to use violence, even if there was slight violence and death ensued, all were equally responsible. Each was responsible for all the acts of all others done in pursuance of a common purpose.

Crown Counsel submitted that the overturning of the taxi constituted a higher degree of violence than beating with a stick in view of the possibility of flying glass and other things. He submitted that there was no paucity of evidence of violence used that day.

He disagreed with the Judge's summing-up that if the accused only agreed to overturn the taxi they were not guilty. If they shared the mutual intention of overturning the taxi that was sufficient to justify the jury's verdict of guilty, he submitted.

Crown Counsel's contention was that it was not necessary for the Judge to put it to the jury that they should ask themselves whether each accused shared the intention to burn in addition to the intention to overturn the taxi. Hearing is proceeding.

Consular Officials

Mr. P. G. Strickland has been formally recognized as Honorary Consul for Finland, the Gazette this morning announced.

It was also notified that Mr. Arthur R. Donohue, has been recognized as Provisional Honorary Consul for the United States, and Mr. Marcus Gaan as Honorary Vice-Consul for Ecuador.

THE TSUN WAN RIOTS TRIAL

Counsel Queries Presence Of PCs In Court

Defence Counsel in the Tsun Wan Riots Trial at the Criminal Sessions this morning queried the presence in Court of what he termed "a large assembly" of Policemen.

The query was raised by Mr. V. L. J. D'Alton during the evidence of Chiu Sung-foon, the 14th accused, who was testifying on his own behalf before Mr. Justice C. W. Reece and a Special Jury.

Mr. D'Alton told His Lordship he understood that the constables who had been Prosecution witnesses, had been released from Court attendance.

These witnesses, he said, had left the Court "but in the past few days there has been what might be described as a large assembly here."

Mr. D'Alton added that he did not know whether it was the Crown's intention to call them again as witnesses, and if so they should be kept out of the Courtroom.

Mr. Justice Reece pointed out that the Crown's case had already ended. "If you (the Policemen) want to come here and spend their time and the taxpayers' money, it is not my business," he said.

JUDGE'S RULING

Mr. D. N. E. Rea, Crown Counsel, asked His Lordship for permission to explain. Mr. D'Alton remarked that Mr. Rea could very well have given him the explanation when he had asked him for it.

The Judge stated that there was nothing to explain and that any witness who finished his evidence was entitled to sit in Court.

The accused were Wong Shek-chun, Leung Yuk, Cheong Shek-shing, Lau Wai-keung, Yuen Wing-sing, and Pui-keung, Yiu Ching-fai, Chung Yuen-pak, Lam Pui-tao, Mau Man-keung, Cheung Yiu-yin, Leung Cheung, Yip Kam-hung, Chiu Sung-foon, Cheung Tung, Leung Chung, Tsang Yiu-man, Chiu Noi and Chan Sai-hung.

Mr. W. S. Collier and Mr. Rea, Crown Counsel, are prosecuting, assisted by Mr. D. E. W. O'Brien, Assistant Superintendent of Police.

Mr. D'Alton is defending 10th accused on instructions of H. K. Woo and Co., and the remaining accused on instructions of P. L. Lam and Co.

Earlier in the morning, the 14th accused, aged 18, said in evidence that he was a mechanic of the South Textiles Factory.

Chiu Sung-foon said that from October 10-11 he was on night shift. On the morning of the 11th he went to sleep in the factory dormitory. He got up again at about 6 p.m.

A fellow-worker, Shek Kwai-chor, invited him to a meal at the Sun Lok tea-house, opposite the factory. Chiu said he went to the meal with him. It was about 6.45 p.m. when he returned to the dormitory.

Accused said he went back on the night shift at about 7 p.m. that day. His shift lasted up to 7 a.m. the following day. However, he did not work the whole night. At about 10 or 11 p.m. the factory's electric current stopped. He left the workshop and saw a crowd outside the personnel office.

Chiu said he met a man who told him and members of his group to go out to the gate if they were "free workers."

Accused said he went to a piece of ground between the main gate and the inner gate. From there he could see a crowd outside the factory.

EXPLANATION

Mr. D'Alton referred Chiu to a statement he made when he was charged on November 26. In that statement, Chiu was alleged to have said he and some others could not then enter the factory because his fellow-workers had closed the door.

Asked to explain this, accused said what he meant was that his fellow-workers had left the workshop and had closed the door to it, so he could not enter the workshop.

Continuing, Chiu said that on October 14, a combined Army and Police detachment entered the factory and asked the workers to come out of the building.

admit their part in the disturbances. He himself was asked to identify those who took part. He was asked for his name and he gave it. A Policeman took it down in a notebook. He was then taken to Chatham Road detention camp.

'LOOKED HIM OVER'

On one occasion before the identification parade was held on October 23, Chiu said, a constable — PC 2178 — came up to the window of the room where he slept, called out his name from a notebook and looked him over.

It was at this stage of the hearing that the question of the constables in Court was raised. Chiu then told of the procedure in the identification parade on the first floor of block "L" in the detention camp.

Before the parade, Chiu said, while he and other detainees were having their meal, many policemen passed by on their way to their mess hall and had a look at them as they ate.

Hearing is continuing.

POSTINGS AND PROMOTIONS

Li T. A. Pearce of Force Headquarters, and Li H. G. Thomson of the HKNRVR have been posted to the Royal Hong Kong Defence Force Reserve of Officers, the Gazette announced this morning.

It was also notified that the appointment of Able Seaman Neville Anthony Scott Mills to the rank of Acting Sub-Lieutenant in the HKNRVR has been approved.

The appointment of Sergeant Robert Burrell of the HKAAP to the rank of Pilot Officer has also been approved.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 5.30 p.m. Time for Children. Stories from the Greek—Leonidas and the Battle of Thermopylae. 5.45. Greek Serenades. 6. Time Signal. Programme Summary: 6.05. News: 6.05. Serenades. 6.15. Time Signal. 6.30. Asian Club. 6.59. Weather Report. 7. Time Signal. News: 7.05. Serenades. 7.15. Time Signal. 7.30. Serenades. 7.45. Time Signal. 7.59. Weather Report. 8.05. Serenades. 8.15. Time Signal. 8.30. Serenades. 8.45. Time Signal. 8.59. Weather Report. 9.05. Serenades. 9.15. Time Signal. 9.30. Serenades. 9.45. Time Signal. 9.59. Weather Report. 10.05. Serenades. 10.15. Time Signal. 10.30. Serenades. 10.45. Time Signal. 10.59. Weather Report. 11.05. Serenades. 11.15. Time Signal. 11.30. Serenades. 11.45. Time Signal. 11.59. Weather Report. 12.05. Serenades. 12.15. Time Signal. 12.30. Serenades. 12.45. Time Signal. 12.59. Weather Report. 1.05. Serenades. 1.15. Time Signal. 1.30. Serenades. 1.45. Time Signal. 1.59. Weather Report. 2.05. Serenades. 2.15. Time Signal. 2.30. Serenades. 2.45. 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